

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Trade Embargoes

THE reported growing agitation for Britain to cut herself free from the trade embargoes applied against the Communist bloc is a fairly natural reaction to the imposing trade offer which the Soviet leaders made to the British government last week. No unilateral action in this direction will be taken by Britain, but pressure of public opinion may require Sir Anthony Eden once again to appeal to President Eisenhower for a substantial modification of the restricted list.

In the matter of non-strategic goods, Britain and other Western countries are entitled to develop trade with the Eastern European and other Communist nations. Doubtful is whether Russia is prepared to engage in piecemeal deals relating only to unembargoed commodities. The Soviet leaders envisaged a £1,000 million trade contract spread over five years, but at least one-third of that contract in terms of sterling involves so-called strategic goods. Still unknown is whether the Soviets will insist on an all or nothing deal.

What does seem to be clear is that the Russian offer is not merely a gesture intended to substantiate the desire for friendship and co-existence expressed by Bulganin and Khrushchev. The Soviets are in genuine need of the 87 varieties of goods which they catalogued for Sir Anthony Eden, and because of this they keenly want to trade with the West.

BRITAIN'S ability to meet the commitments of the £1,000 million contract has been questioned by Mr Nye Bevan who, without bothering to quote facts and figures, declares that the country has insufficient steel to be able to accept and fulfil the Russian orders. It is an absurd line of argument.

If the full contract could be taken up, it would involve Britain supplying a wide range of commodities to the average value of £200 million a year over five years. Only a proportion of the manufactured goods would require steel in quantity, and it is incongruous to suggest the British steel industry could not meet those requirements.

BUT transcending the question of whether Britain and Russia can reach a trade agreement within a limited range of commodities is the question: has the time not arrived for the removal of the embargoes which continue to help frustrate East-West relations?

The embargoes are the product of the cold war and the Korean conflict. They were introduced as deterrents and to a limited degree achieved a positive purpose. Today their existence is almost meaningless, except in a negative way. Even the moral justification for their continuance has grown thin. From a strictly political point of view they are doing the West more harm than good.

Admittedly abolition of the embargoes is a delicate subject to put before the United States in a presidential election year; undoubtedly American public opinion has not yet been prepared to accept a sweeping change in policy so far as trade between East and West is concerned. Nevertheless, it is a subject which sooner or later will demand some straight thinking and possibly straight talking on both sides of the Atlantic. Countries such as Britain can not hope to maintain a favourable balance of trade while they are hedged around with restrictions, and in consequence forced to lose traditional markets. The truth is the West has more to gain than loss by unfettered trading with all parts of the world.

FORCED LABOUR CAMP FURORE

China Under Fire—Then...

RUSSIA HITS
BACK
AT AMERICA

New York, Apr. 30. Allegations by the United States and Nationalist delegates of forced labour practices in China patterned on those of Russia, drew angry counter-charges from the Chief Soviet delegate to the United Nations, Mr Ardaky Sobolev.

The Nationalist delegate Mr Cheng Pao-nan, told the Economic and Social Council there were 25 million forced labourers on the Chinese mainland "including 1,500,000 sent to the U.S.S.R., Poland and Czechoslovakia in a barter for military supplies."

Dr John Baker, of the United States, described forced labour as "the form of modern slavery." He said it had been introduced to the China mainland by the Communist regime and was "closely patterned after the experience and practice of the U.S.S.R."

'Slanderous'

Mr Sobolev, who made an unusual appearance in the Council to answer the allegations, declared that a "slanderous propaganda campaign" was being launched by the United States with the assistance of the "Chiang Kai-shek group."

★ To prevent Communist China gaining admission to the United Nations "an attempt which no doubt, is doomed to failure."

★ To foment hatred and to divert attention from "forced labour" practices in the United States, where workers were "exploited" for the greater profit of billionaires and monopolists and where workers were forced to turn over more than half their daily pay to capitalists.

Mr Sobolev said that in the Peoples Democracies, where the people were the masters of their own destinies, there could be no need for forced labour.

It could exist only in a capitalist country such as the United States.

He quoted Mr Walter Reuther, the American labour leader, as having said that of each two dollars secured by the American worker \$1.22 was kept in the hands of capital enterprise.

The Soviet representative also quoted a report which he said listed seven types of forced labour in the United States, namely:

Peonage; Exploitation of illicit immigrants, particularly Mexican; Exploitation of the work of those in prison;

Use of those in hospitals and psychiatric institutions; Use of aliens in time of war, for instance, the Japanese in the last war and conscientious objectors;

Exploitation of American Indians; And labour which was made necessary through prohibition of strikes.

'Limited Action'

The United States, Ecuador, the Netherlands, France, and Britain had sponsored a resolution condemning the existence of forced labour for political and economic purposes.

In sponsoring the resolution, the British delegate, Mr R. D. J. Scott-Pox said, Britain realised that the action the U.N. could take was "necessarily limited," although debates had served some useful purpose in mobilising world public opinion.

—Reuter.

Chou's Sister-In-Law
Gives Evidence

Brussels, Apr. 30. Forced labour in China was a target of attack in a report unanimously adopted today by a special Commission of Inquiry set up by the "International Commission Against the Regime of Concentration Camps."

The International Commission, set up in 1948 on the initiative of Frenchman M. David Rousset, has already published "White Papers" on Greece, Spain, Yugoslavia and the Soviet Union, after inquiries into the presumed existence of concentration camps in these countries. The work of the Commission of Inquiry into conditions in China is to be published shortly in the form of another "White Paper."

The report said, "The penal system in the Chinese People's Republic delivers the citizen into the arbitrary power of the government, through a very wide definition of political delinquency..."

Report To Chou

The report has been forwarded to the Chinese Communist Premier, Mr Chou En-lai who was invited by the commission to send a representative to the sessions, held in the form of a trial.

The Peking Government did not reply to the invitation. Among the witnesses who testified before the special commission was Chou En-lai's sister-in-law Madame Ma Shan-yue, who fled from China when the Communists took Shanghai. She told the hearing how she had been tried by a Chinese People's Court in a public square simply because her father was a landlord.

The Commission also heard testimony from several missionaries who said they were persecuted under the Communist regime. Three complaints against the Communist forced labour system were sent to the Commission by Liang Young-chang of the

Chinese Federation of Labour in Formosa, R.P.A. Bonnichsen, former Professor at the "Aurora" University of Shanghai, and Fung Hol-chin, secretary-general of the Hong-kong and Kowloon Trades Union Council.—France-Press.

Navy Officer
Gets Three
Years' Gaol

Karachi, Apr. 30. Joseph Napoleon Smyth, a former British Lieutenant-Commander in the Pakistan Navy, was fined 600,000 rupees (about £26,000) and sentenced to three years' gaol with hard labour last Friday for misappropriating Pakistan Navy funds.

Smyth, 47, of Richmond, Surrey, changed his plea to guilty just before the judge sentenced him on two charges of misappropriating a total of 685,000 rupees (about £26,370). Smyth was ordered to spend another year in gaol if he failed to pay the fine. He was acquitted on a third charge, not pressed by the prosecution, of falsifying accounts.—China Mail Special.

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Alben Barkley
Dies Suddenly



A cable from Lexington, Virginia, says that the former US Vice-President, Mr Alben Barkley died last night. He was 79. He was taken ill while making a speech at Washington and Lee University. He died 10 minutes later.—France-Press.

NATO MAY
GET
NEW LOOK

Washington, May 1. The Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, leaves today for the Paris meeting of NATO Foreign Ministers after a last-minute appeal to Congress to back the foreign aid programme with which the United States supports this and other alliances.

Mr Dulles is expected to put forward new ideas in Paris to broaden and strengthen NATO particularly in the economic field. The Foreign Ministers meet on Friday.

President Eisenhower and Mr Dulles have indicated that something must be done to revitalise NATO now that the threat of Soviet aggression appears to have diminished.

Economic Emphasis

Proposals to this end have been urged in the press of the United States and of other North Atlantic countries aimed at:

★ Closer economic consultation between members of the alliance among other things, to eliminate economic conflicts;

★ Co-ordination of the foreign economic policies of the members outside Europe in such under-developed areas as the Middle East;

★ Joint action by the members to aid the under-developed areas of Europe itself;

★ Expansion into the cultural field designed to encourage exchange of people, programmes, educational institutions and scientific research.

The shift in emphasis from the military to the economic aspects of the North Atlantic alliance corresponds to a similar shift in the Soviet world strategy from military to economic means of undermining the free world.

Is It Shackled?

But a question frequently discussed here is how far an organisation which is still primarily a military alliance can provide the best machinery for economic consultation and co-ordination.

Mr Dulles has already stated that the economic activities of NATO need not compete or overlap those of the organisation for European economic co-operation.—Reuter.

GAITSKELL
REGRETS
BULGANIN
ATTACK

London, Apr. 30. The leader of the Parliamentary Labour Party Mr Hugh Gaitskell said today he was "sorry" the Soviet Premier, Marshal Bulganin attacked the Labour Party on his return to Moscow today.

Mr Gaitskell said, "I am sorry Marshal Bulganin has spoken as he has done, it was certainly not our desire to spoil their visit in any way."

Mr Gaitskell said he had hoped that the outcome of Labour Party discussions with Marshal Bulganin and Mr Khrushchev would have been "different."

Better Understanding

He added, "Mr Khrushchev has stated their position. I think everybody knows ours. We are bound to differ on the issue of imprisoned Social Democrats which we regard as an issue of principle."

"But let us hope that frank speaking on both sides cleared the air and paved the way for better understanding in future." The British Communist Party was far from critical of Mr Gaitskell today. Its May Day manifesto stressed the need for unity of action by the working class to assure a Labour and Communist majority in Parliament.

It said that the Communist Party was "ready to join with Labour men and women against the Tories."—France-Press.

Marshall
Hopeful

Singapore, Apr. 30. Singapore's Chief Minister Mr David Marshall tonight told the Straits Times the outcome of Singapore's independence talks in London was hopeful.

Mr Marshall spoke from a 15-minute radio telephone interview.

The Colonial Office, he said, had gone some of the way towards meeting Singapore's proposals. He declined to reveal what the British proposals were.—Reuter.

BIG DEATH TOLL IN
ALGERIA FIGHTING

Algiers, Apr. 30. Eighty-three Algerian rebels and nine French soldiers died yesterday in a Sunday of bitter clashes.

Security forces killed 60 rebels yesterday in operations in the Constantine region. Fourteen other rebels died in an attack on Tamassouda Army camp.

Fighting was going on early today near Rivet, about 12 miles south-east of Algiers with losses reported on both sides.

The rebels are reported to be concentrating on terrorist activity and trying to avoid large-scale clashes with security forces.

Inter-gang War

Yesterday rebels killed at least 17 Moslems in individual attacks and burned farms and schools. They also wounded two Europeans when they threw a grenade into an Algerian barber shop, with a grenade in a cinema in Batna.

It was reported today that more than 100 have been killed in fighting between rival terrorist groups in the Soummam valley in north-east Algeria where rebels recently slaughtered 120 pro-French Moslems.

London Airport Scare

London, Apr. 30. A Trans World Airlines Super Constellation landed safely at London airport this afternoon with black smoke trailing from one of its four engines. There were 52 passengers and a crew of four aboard. It came from New York. Emergency fire wagons and ambulances stood by as the big airliner approached, and fire trucks followed the plane down the runway as it came in. Officials said the plane developed an oil leak.—United Press.

BRITAIN MAY HOLD
NEW CYPRUS TALKS

But First, Disorder Must Stop

London, Apr. 30. Britain is prepared to send a high ranking representative to Cyprus to draw up a new constitution in consultation with the Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities, it was learned today.

But talks will not be held unless disorders stop.

The Government was expected to make a statement in Parliament probably later this week.

In it the Government will maintain its position that intimidation must end in Cyprus before negotiations for a settlement can begin, informants said.

GROWING CONCERN

The growing tension in Cyprus has been causing increasing concern to the Government, and public opinion is getting restive over the apparent absence of a definite policy to end the deadlock.

Last week the Archbishop of Canterbury criticised the Government's attitude. The Lord Privy Seal, Mr R. A. Butler, has since stressed Britain's readiness to avoid delay in a solution of the Cyprus conflict.

But he added that "the whole Government is united in its decision that a prior condition of constitution making must be the restoration of law and order."

The response from Cyprus has not been encouraging so far.

COMPROMISE

Unofficial suggestions meanwhile have advocated a compromise approach which would give Cyprus Commonwealth status, but allow, at the same time, some form of union with Greece.

This idea envisages Cyprus as a self-governing country which eventually would achieve common citizenship (but excluding Parliamentary or legal control) and at the same time

would remain a member of the Commonwealth.

Official quarters so far have not made any comment on this suggestion, its practicability is doubted by some experts, however.

Suggestions that the Cyprus issue would be brought before the Nato Council in Paris later this week have received no official confirmation.

The Foreign Office declined comment today but the indications were that Britain would not raise the issue unless it was challenged.—United Press.

COVENTRY CALL TO LIFT
CHINA TRADE EMBARGO

London, Apr. 30. The City Council of Coventry, centre of the British automobile industry, may convene a conference on trade with Communist China.

It was revealed today that a joint meeting of the local Trades Council and the Labour Party adopted a resolution asking that Government take steps to remove the embargoes on exports to China.

That B & K
'Shopping
List'...

42 Items Not Banned

London, Apr. 30. The Board of Trade announced tonight that 42 of the 87 items on Russia's £1,000 million "shopping list" were not affected by the Western embargo on strategic exports.

Marshal Bulganin and Mr Khrushchev presented the shopping list last week to Sir Anthony Eden during their 10-day visit to Britain.

The Soviet leaders said Russia might buy £800-1,000 million worth of British exports during the next five years.

What Russia Wants

The 42 items not affected by strategic export controls range from power trains, of which up to 20 are wanted, down to coeca beans and salted herrings.

They include such things as high frequency electric furnaces—to the value of 91-120 million roubles—automatic transfer machines, machine tool and tractors (300 to 400 million roubles) textile industry equipment (100 to 150 million roubles) and up to 75 diesel engine units for ships.

Also among the 42 items are food industry equipment (50-75 million roubles); printing machinery (35-50 million roubles); equipment for producing synthetic fibre (tenylene, 30-75 million roubles); plastic polyethylene making plant (30-75 million roubles) and rubber, tinplate, wool and woollen cloth.—Reuter.

Air Ministry Ban
On Crash Planes

London, May 1. The Air Ministry last night banned the use of "York" aircraft as troop-carriers, following Sunday's fatal accident at Standedt which brought to 91 the death toll incurred in "York" accidents since 1953.

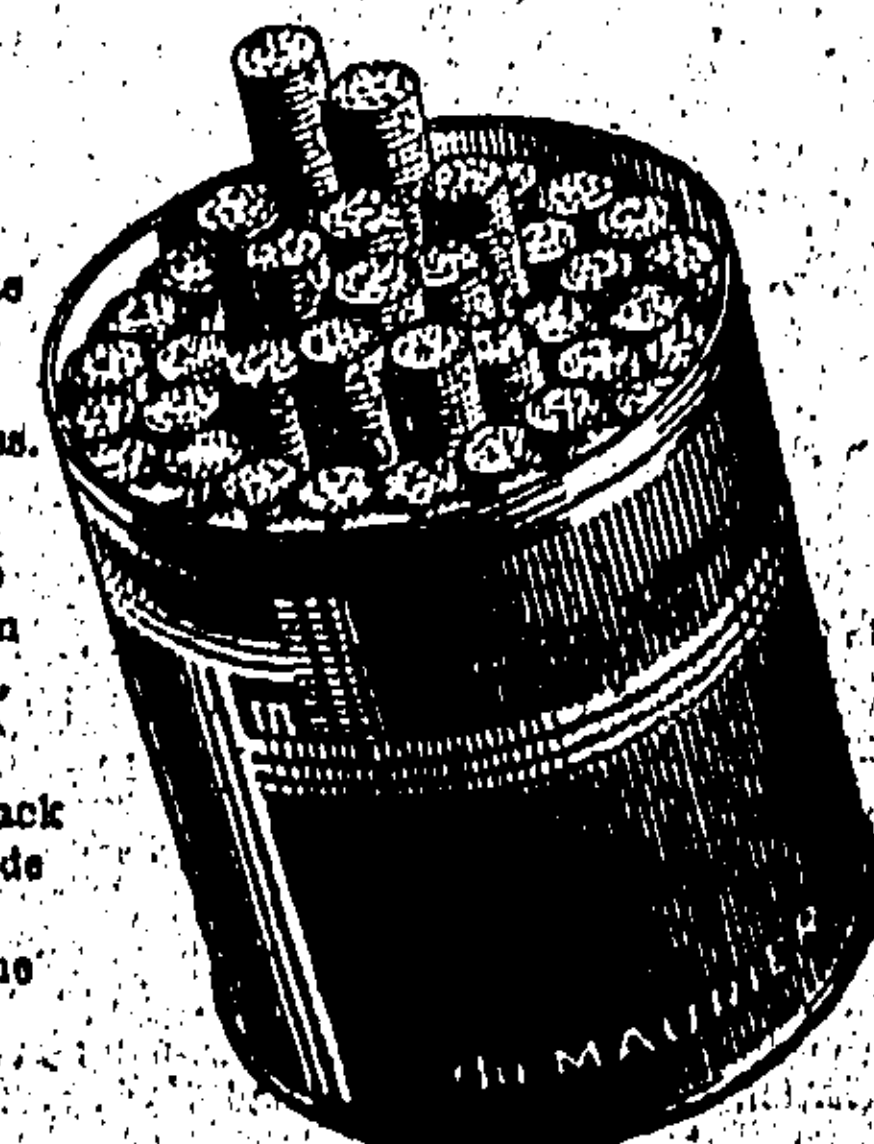
Sunday's accident, which cost two lives, was the fourth "York" troop-carrier crash in the last three years.—France-Press.

Duke On TV

London, Apr. 30. The Duke of Edinburgh tonight gave the first live televised broadcast by any member of the Royal Family to mark the 21st anniversary of the formation of the Central Council of Physical Recreation.

The Duke, President of the Council, spoke on "Active Leisure" in a 40-minute programme illustrating the Council's work in encouraging beginners and training coaches in all kinds of sport.—Reuter.

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Congressman Sent
To Gaol
For Tax Evasion

Boston, Apr. 30. Rep. Thomas Lane, who pleaded guilty to federal income tax evasion charges today, was sentenced to four years in prison and fined \$10,000. Lane, a member of the House of Representatives, was arrested during the court proceedings, said "there has never been any reason for me to evade the payment of taxes. I had adequate money."

Big Opium Haul

Singapore, Apr. 30. Customs officers today seized 61 lbs of opium worth \$225,000 (HK\$50,000) from a house in the suburbs of Singapore.—Reuter.

POLICE SHOOT DOWN ESCAPING NEGRO

New Orleans, Apr. 30. Ex-boxer Leonard Ceasar, 33-year-old rape suspect, was shot nine times today when he tried to escape a police trap.

As he lay paralyzed from the

waist down, he muttered he was "too tough to die."

Two shot-gun blasts and a hail of police bullets finally stopped the powerful Negro after he had killed a police

through a brick wall, jumped 30 feet to a courtyard below and cleared a nearby fence.

He was taken to a hospital where attendants said he was in critical condition.—United Press.

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FAILURE OF GERMAN RE-UNIFICATION TALKS

SELWYN LLOYD EXPLAINS

TO GERMAN MINISTER

By Stanley Priddle

London, Apr. 30.

Mr Selwyn Lloyd today gave Dr Heinrich von Brentano, West Germany's Foreign Minister, a full account of Britain's failure, last week, to move Russia from its opposition to re-uniting Germany through free elections.

Dr von Brentano who arrived today on a three-day official visit, spent about an hour with the British Foreign Secretary.

He met Mr Harold Macmillan, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, for a talk about the demand of the Big Three Western powers for a cash contribution towards the upkeep of their forces in Germany.

Adamant

Diplomatic sources said Dr von Brentano heard from Mr Lloyd the details of the talks which British ministers had last week about the world situation with Marshal Nikolai Bulganin and Mr Nikita Khrushchev.

On the problem of re-uniting Germany, the Soviet leaders had adamantly maintained their refusal to consider free elections in the West and the Eastern zones for a single government.

Sir Anthony Eden and Mr Lloyd himself tried to explore possible ways of meeting the Soviet demand for a European security system before German unity could be furthered.

First Steps

They have been completely unsuccessful.

The Russians have not budged from the position they adopted at the fruitless "Big Four" conference in Geneva last November.

They then insisted that the first steps towards reunification should be taken through co-operation between the Western Federal Republic and the Communist Eastern regime.

Mr Lloyd told Dr von Brentano it would remain a priority aim of British European policy to have a system before German unity through elections, with the right of the resulting government to choose whether it will ally itself to East or West.

The German Minister and Mr Macmillan were believed to have discussed only in the broadest terms the Western powers' demand for support costs.

Dinner

This subject will be discussed in detail at later meetings.

The Bonn Government told Britain, France and the United States earlier this year that it would not continue payment of support costs when the present agreement runs out on May 5.

Germany contributed about £260,000,000 in the past 12 months and the Western powers are believed to be asking for about £120,000,000 for the coming year.

Mr Lloyd might give a dinner in honour of Dr von Brentano attended by Government and Opposition leaders.

Foreign Aid Conference

Washington, Apr. 30. President Dwight Eisenhower today had a conference with Secretary of State Mr John Foster Dulles and chief Congressional leaders on the country's future long-term foreign aid programme, a White House spokesman stated here.

He said that one of the main points discussed was the setting up of a special committee to be charged with revising the foreign programme.—France-Press.

U.S. CRIME DECREASES

Washington, Apr. 30. Crimes in the United States decreased last year for the first time in eight years, the Federal Bureau of Investigation said today.

The FBI report said that there were 2,262,450 crimes committed in the United States during 1955 as compared with 2,267,250 crimes during 1954.

The crime rate in the United States in recent years had been increasing more rapidly than the population, the FBI said.—France-Press.

EIGHT SAILORS MISSING

Laureano Marques, Apr. 30.

At least six men died in the weekend sinking of the Portuguese coaster Luabo and another eight are missing, according to survivors who reached here today.

The Luabo was carrying a crew of 44 when she went down in bad weather. Among the men believed drowned was the captain, Antonio Ferreira.

The survivors, brought here by the rescue ship Chabille, said the Luabo sank within 15 minutes after the 1,877-ton coaster started taking in water. The survivors landed here some 20 hours in rough seas. At least 15 of the survivors suffered various injuries during that time.

Other survivors landed on the shore of the Union of South Africa in lifeboats some 150 miles below the Mozambique border.

The fate of the eight missing men could not be determined.—United Press.

Mohammed Ali Going To China

Karachi, Apr. 30. Pakistan Premier Mohammed Ali will be accompanied by Foreign Minister H. Choudhry on his trip to China on May 15, it was announced here today.

In addition, he will be accompanied by Pakistan Ambassador to Peking Sultanuddin Ahmed and high officials of the Foreign and Commerce Ministries. Correspondents representing Pakistani newspapers and news agencies will accompany the Prime Minister at the invitation of the Chinese Journalists Association.

The visit will last a fortnight and the Pakistani party will be taken to Peking, Harbin and Canton.—France-Press.

Oviedo, Apr. 30. Fourteen-month-old Jose Lozano Blanco of Villar de Justo, near here, was pecked to death by a chicken when she wandered into the hen house and tried to catch hold of a hen.—China Mail Special.

More Trouble In Algeria



Further outbreaks of rioting in Algeria have caused French authorities to take even more stringent security precautions. Picture top shows cars and trucks being stopped and searched for suspects at a highway level crossing; at bottom a bus had been machine-gunned as shown awaiting transport to take them for interrogation by security officers. The bus can be seen in the background.—Express Photo.

FAKE PASSPORT RACKET IN U.S.

New York, Apr. 30.

United States attorney Paul Williams says that a "vicious ring" dealing in fake passports and visas has flooded the United States with thousands of Latin Americans—and all of them criminals.

The exposure came with the arrest of forty-five year old Arturo Arrocha-Lopez on a charge of conspiring to violate the immigration laws. He is said to be the boss of a gang with headquarters in New York and "far reaching tentacles in Cuba, Haiti, Santo Domingo, Venezuela and Peru."

as sponsors for other criminals coming into this country.

Criminal Records

In a three-year existence the gang has made nearly two million dollars by charging from two hundred and fifty dollars to one thousand two hundred dollars for each fraudulent visa.

The gang was so well organized that in many cases the frauds involved the destruction of the criminal records of the men and women involved. And from that stemmed another source of gang income—blackmail.

For once the illegal immigrants had landed in the United States the gang seized them and forced them into more crime.

Grand Jury

"There is no doubt that many of them were and are the subject slaves of the ring. And we know that men and women alike were forced into the dope traffic and other criminal fields and that they were made to act

Greeks Taught Cypriot History

Athens, Apr. 30.

The Greek Ministry of Education has asked all secondary and High School professors to give special attention to the teaching of the history of Cyprus in their history course.

In a circular addressed to schools throughout the country the Ministry said: "During history or geography lessons every opportunity should be taken to tell schoolchildren about the civilisation of Cyprus and its struggle for freedom."—China Mail Special.

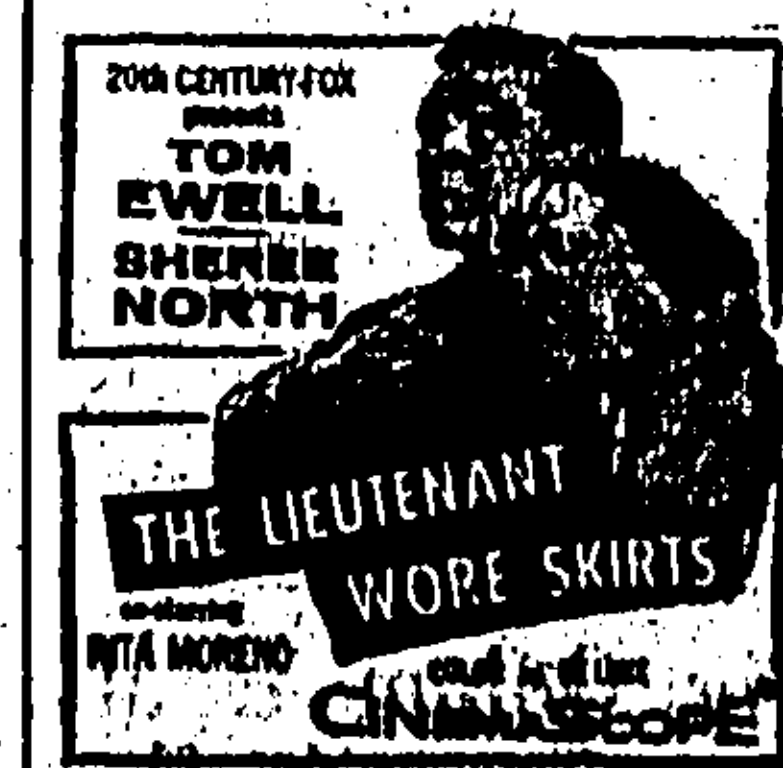
CUSTOMER BITES THE BARMAN

Buenos Aires, Apr. 30.

Bar tender Antonio Mautaci of Cordoba city went to hospital requesting first aid, explained that a drunken client bit his arm when he refused to serve him a last drink.—China Mail Special.

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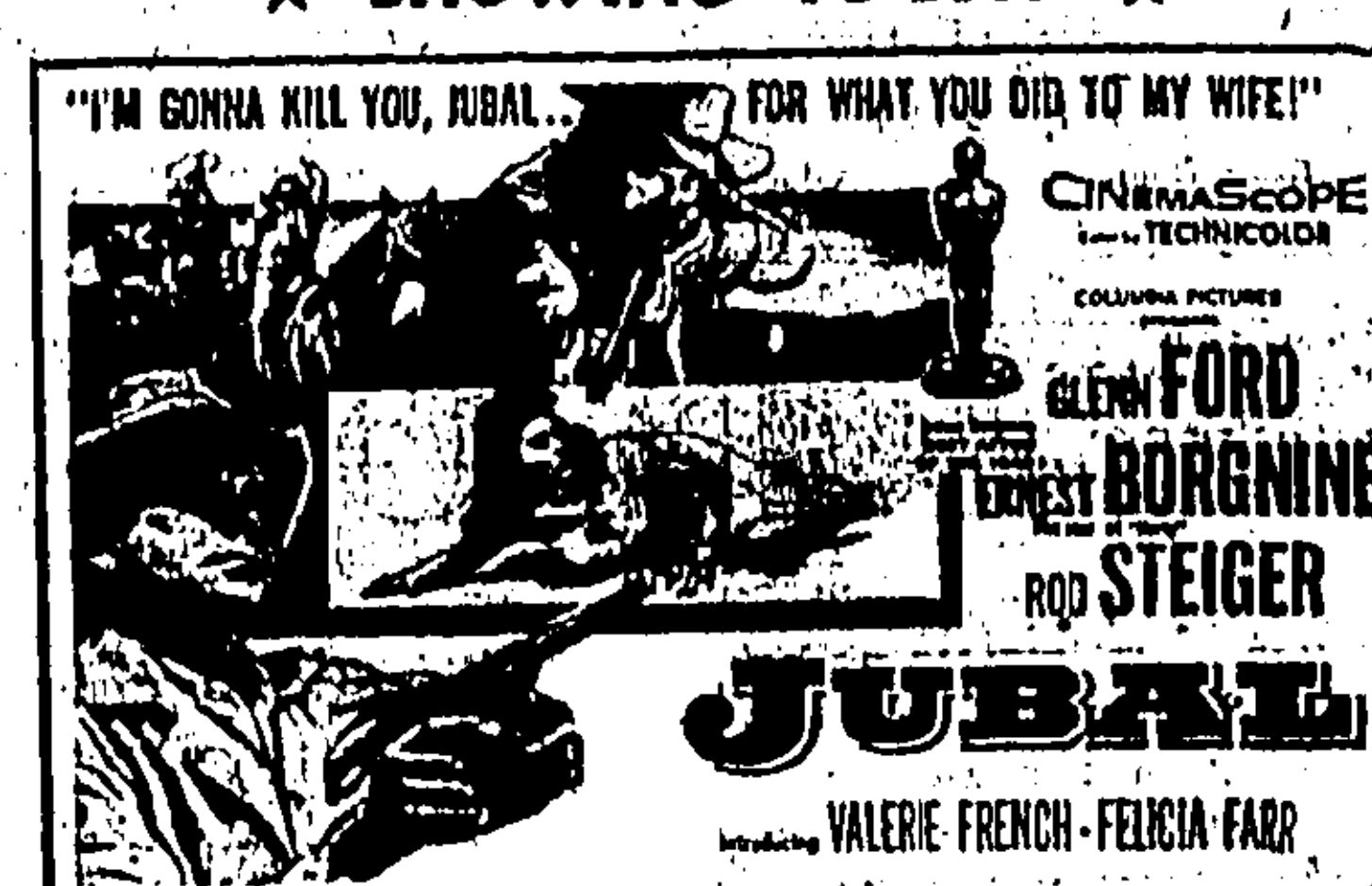


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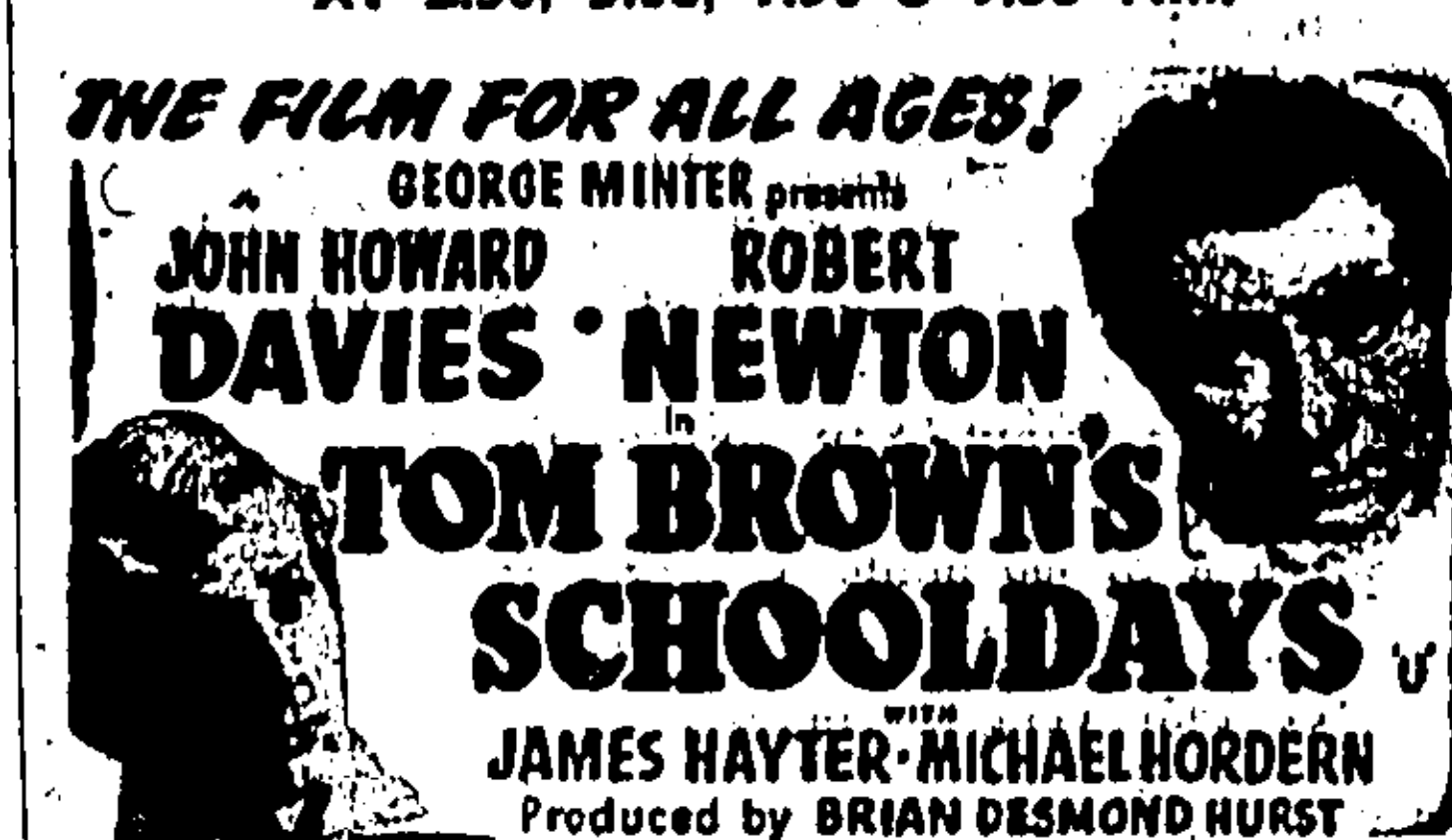


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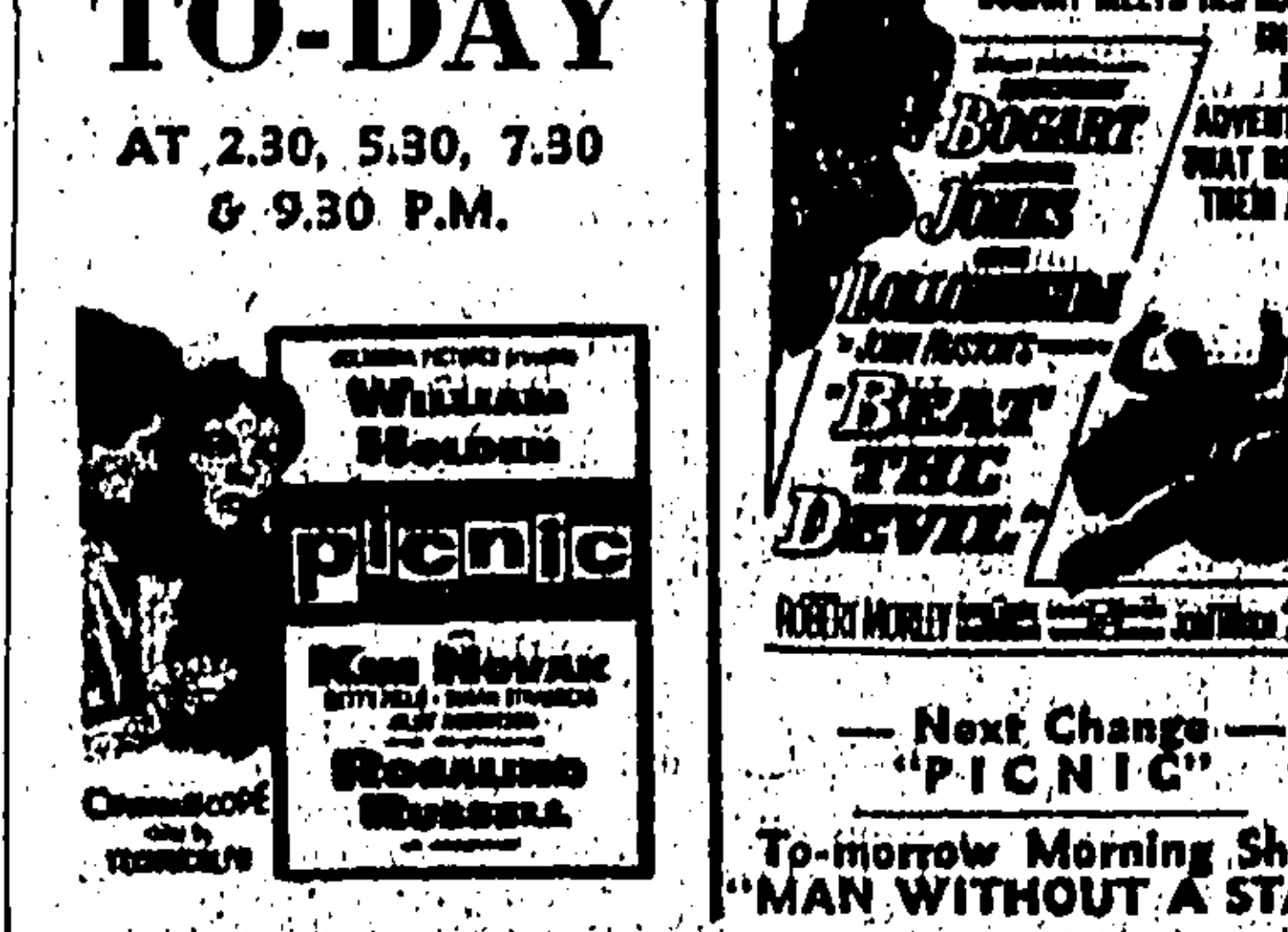
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Poujade Impresses His



PIERRE POUJADE

Opponents STATES GENERAL PLAN HAS ITS POSSIBILITIES

By Harold King

Saint Cere, S. W. France, Apr. 30.

Important political developments may follow today's announcement by M. Pierre Poujade, the anti-tax and shopkeepers leader, on the new course of action he proposes his movement should take.

Observers from Paris here, who listened to his speech and who are mostly politically hostile to him, were impressed with the serious possibilities of the action he suggested.

They saw nothing intrinsically impossible in the organisation of a new states general with 40 to 50 delegates, elected by Poujade organisations in each province gathering in Paris to present a new list of complaints, as was done in the previous act in 1789, and to call for a fundamental reform of the present constitution and the present political system.

The strain of the war in Algeria may also favour M. Poujade's plan. The Communists, it is thought in French political circles, cannot, for many more weeks, support the Mollet Government.

Growing Revolt

Among the Communist rank and file there is reported a growing revolt against underwriting the French military action in Algeria.

In this part of the country, where hills and forests made it particularly suitable for the organisation of armed resistance groups during the German occupation of France in World War II, there are already rumours that the Communists are ready to take up the Maquis again, this time to shelter young party members who did not want to go and fight in Algeria. These rumours are devoid of any factual foundation at the moment.

FIELD MARSHAL VON LEEB DEAD

Bonn, Apr. 30. Field Marshal Wilhelm von Leeb, 79, died yesterday at his home in Hohenheim.

During the Second World War, von Leeb commanded an army group in the northern section of the Nazi drive on Russia. He retired after failing to capture Leningrad. After the war, he was sentenced to three years' imprisonment by a Nuremberg War Crimes Court.—United Press.

Failure To Form Front Against Rhee

Seoul, Apr. 30.

The two opposition parties have failed in a move to form a united front against President Syngman Rhee's Liberal Party in May 15 Republic of Korea elections, it was learned today.

A spokesman for the Opposition told United Press that the two Opposition presidential candidates met in "summit conferences" for two days but could not reach agreement.

Mr P. H. Shindeky, the Democratic Party's standard bearer and President Rhee's strongest opponent, and Mr Cho Bong Am, leader of the Progressive Party, conferred in closed sessions late last week, the spokesman disclosed.

WOULD WITHDRAW

Mr Cho reportedly told Mr Shindeky he would withdraw from the race if the Democratic Party's vice presidential candidate, former Ambassador of the US John M. Chang, would withdraw his candidacy.

Mr Chang's followers, however, most of them Catholics, refused to have their candidate withdrawn.

Mr Cho wanted a date made up of Shindeky and Progressive vice presidential candidate, Pak Ki Chol, a Pusan doctor.—United Press.

Assassination Plot Uncovered

Managua, Apr. 30.

The Nicaraguan Presidential Office announced today that two young students have been arrested in Managua after the discovery of a plot against the life of President Anastasio Somoza.

The arrested students were 19-year-old Aldo Diaz Cuyo and 20-year-old Manfred Linder Diaz, one of whom reportedly is the godson of President Somoza.

A Mexican citizen has also been implicated in the assassination plot, an official communication said.—France-Press.

West Irian Liberators

Djakarta, Apr. 30.

A meeting of Indonesian veterans, who fought against the Dutch when this was a Netherlands colony, has decided to form a "West Irian Liberation Army."

West Irian is the Indonesian name for Dutch West New Guinea, which the Government of Indonesia has declared should be recognised as Indonesian territory.

According to a report reaching here from Ambon, the decision to form the army was a sequel to the Indonesian Government's abrogation of the Indonesian-Dutch Union.—China Mail Special.

Russian Air Development

Washington, Apr. 30.

The United States Air Force will be "inferior in striking power to the Soviet long-range air force by 1955-60" on the basis of current development programmes, General Curtis Lemay, Chief of the US Strategic Air Command, told a Senate Sub-Committee today.

He added that if the Soviet Union started a war at the present time, the United States would suffer "comparatively serious damage."

General Lemay said US military leaders still believed that America would win "any war Soviet Union might start." But he said the position was now changed from what it was five years ago, when the United States could have taken a Soviet attack with relatively little damage.—France-Press.

Wants To Cook For B. And K.

Moscow, Apr. 30.

Myra Waldo, American cookery expert and author of an international cookery book, has arrived in Moscow with the ambition to prepare a typically American dinner for Soviet leaders.

Nikolai Bulganin and Nikita Khrushchev, it was reported here today.

The American expert, who is of Slav origin, also wants to challenge the top Soviet cooks in the cooking of an essentially Russian meal.—France-Press.

Shakespeare Celebrations



Mrs Pandit, centre, India's High Commissioner in the UK, carries a wreath during ceremonies last week at Stratford-on-Avon to commemorate the birth of William Shakespeare. Flags of many nations were unfurled at the ceremonies, and there was a procession to the house where the playwright was born, after which flowers and wreaths were placed on his tomb in the Parish Church.—Express Photo.

World Prepares For May Day

SOME TROUBLE EXPECTED

London, May 1.

Communist and non-Communist countries are preparing for the traditional celebration of today, May 1, as an international day of labour with parades and rallies of the workers highlighted by the great demonstration and military parade in Moscow.

In some capitals trouble is feared and police forces have been mobilised. In most, it is a public holiday. For the first time the Papal state of Vatican City will recognise May Day as a workers' holiday.

In Communist countries the big demonstrations will be worked by the absence of the glorification of Josef Stalin and those who followed his narrow denouement "cult of personality."

In the bedded capital of the Soviet Union already thronged with holidaymakers, the Soviet Premier, Marshal Nikolai Bulganin and the party chief, Mr Nikita Khrushchev, fresh from their summit talks in London will be present for the traditional parade of millions of workers and troops through Moscow's Red Square.

All over the city great portraits of Lenin stare down from red-draped buildings. But there were no pictures of Stalin whose body lies in the Lenin-Stalin mausoleum in Red Square on which the Soviet leaders will stand for the mass parades including a 45-minute march-past of Soviet military might.

Reports

From Reuters correspondents came these reports on May Day plans:

PARIS: All Labour Day demonstrations on the streets of the French capital have been banned for the second successive year as a precaution against counter-demonstrations.

ROME: Vatican City, the 110-acre Papal state, will observe the workers' holiday this year for the first time. The Pope will speak on the Christian concept of labour during a general audience in Saint Peter's basilica.

BERLIN: The first parade of the newly-created National People's Army is likely to mark the May Day celebrations in Communist East Berlin.

WEST GERMANY: A call for the five-day week will be the main slogan at parades. **PRAGUE:** Czechoslovakia will have photographs of the late President Klement Gottwald—but none of Stalin—among those of the Communist immortals at today's celebrations, although he has been denounced as a follower of the cult of personality.

VIENNA: Austria celebrates its first May Day in freedom following the ending of Allied occupation last year. Socialists and Communists will use it to rally their forces for the general elections on May 13.—Reuters.

General Gets Hair Cut

Saigon, Apr. 30.

General Ba Cut, the rebel Hanoi leader, captured by the South Vietnamese forces, has gone back on his vow to do without a hair cut. Vietnamese military sources said today.

General Ba Cut vowed after the Geneva Conference of 1954 that he would not have his cut as a sign of mourning for the Geneva agreements, which divided Vietnam into two parts. However, at the General's request, a barber has visited the villa at Long Xuyen where Ba Cut is detained.—France-Press.

U NU HAS EASY ELECTION WIN

Rangoon, Apr. 30.

Premier U Nu swept to a walk-over victory in independent Burma's second general election today despite rebels who tried to keep voters away from the polls with gunfire.

The mild-mannered Premier's Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League (AFPFL) scored 48 more election victories today. These, combined with the 64 won yesterday, gave the Government an overwhelming 109 seats out of the 145 results declared so far.

Government sources said today that Communist rebels had forced the election to be postponed in two districts in southeast Burma.

Stole Boxes

The rebels kept voters from going into the polling booths on Friday by spraying the entrance with sub-machine gun fire every time anyone approached, the sources said. Police could not get to the spot until after dark, they added.

In one of the two constituencies the election officers abandoned the polling booth and the rebels stole the ballot boxes, Government sources said.

Postponement of the poll in the two constituencies brought to 10 the number of districts where voting did not take place.

Fourteen other districts, mainly those where Communist-backed left-wing opposition candidates stood a good chance of winning, were declared "unsafe" by the Government last week. Polling in them was put off for three months.

Narrow Win

With 38 AFPFL candidates returned unopposed, only 35 seats were left undecided as of noon today and the government, campaigning on a platform promising "freedom without political entanglement" was assured of a crushing majority.

In several cases, however, a split vote between the leftist and rightist opposition enabled AFPFL candidates to scrape home. One such case was Hmawza, an upper Burma, where former Minister Mahla Ba Saing won narrowly by polling 12,053 votes. Had the leftist and rightist opposition combined behind one candidate they would have totalled 16,494 votes. Largest victory for the leftist National Union of Freedom so far was at Tavoy West, where the opposition candidate polled 17,172 votes against the AFPFL candidate's 588. The opposition lost 11 seats but unexpectedly won several new ones.

Standings

Political observers pointed out, however, that opposition leaders being returned were of a more moderate political tone than formerly.

Standings of the parties to date: AFPFL 109, leftist National Union of Freedom 31, Burma Nationalist Bloc (rightist opposition) one, Students United Front one, Asian National Unity Organisation one, and Independents two.—United Press.

TWA MAY FLY TO MANILA

Washington, Apr. 25.

Approval of TWA's application to serve Manila and to provide a round-the-world service by connection with Northwest Airlines was urged by CAB examiner Walter W. Bryan in his initial decision released today.

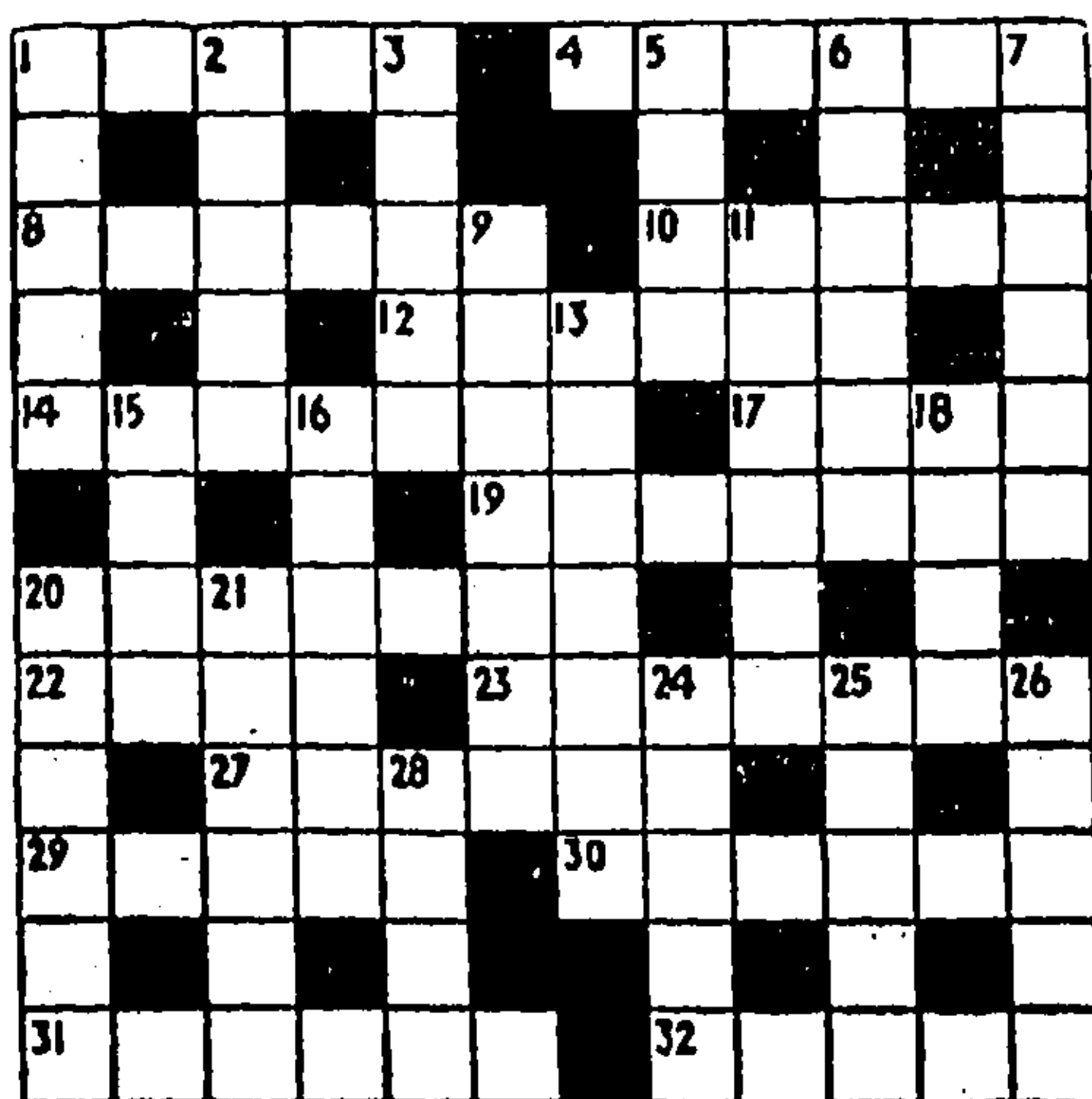
The authorisation would enable TWA to extend its present international route from Bombay and Colombo to Bangkok and Manila for a temporary period to continue in effect until TWA could establish service beyond India to Shanghai—a route over which it was originally certificated in 1940, but which it has not been able to activate because of political conditions existing throughout that area.

In his findings, the Examiner highlighted TWA's subsidy-free position, and strongly maintained the need for additional air service consistent with passenger demands and constantly growing traffic.

POLITICAL "Granting of this application for connecting service at Manila will permit TWA and Northwest to share in a market from which they have been excluded by political conditions over which they have had no control," the Examiner contended. "It will likewise enable the two carriers to recapture some of the business to which they would have been entitled but for these conditions, and which has been diverted to Pan American."

The Examiner pointed out that the proposed extension will assure additional services between points in the United States and Southeast Asia via points in Europe, and in some instances it will provide, for the first time, an American flag, one-carrier service between such cities as Manila, Bangkok, Calcutta, and London, and from Manila, plus service to and from Calcutta, Milan, Zurich and Athens.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Light craft (5).
- 4 Ideal land (6).
- 8 Of the North Pole (6).
- 10 Kilns (5).
- 12 Chair wheel (6).
- 14 Get ready (7).
- 17 Fewer (4).
- 19 Refers to (7).
- 20 Unresisting (7).
- 22 Leave out (4).
- 23 Assented (7).
- 27 Sufficiency (6).
- 28 Drive back (5).
- 30 Frightens (6).
- 31 Eluded (6).
- 32 Eke (5).

DOWN

- 1 Clutch (5).
- 2 Mother-of-pearl (5).
- 3 Girl's name (5).
- 5 Quinine gait (4).
- 6 Looked closely (6).
- 7 Value (6).
- 8 House on wheels (7).
- 11 Tame (6).
- 13 Chooses (7).
- 14 Wander (4).
- 15 Founding implement (6).
- 16 Withered (4).
- 20 Rained heavily (6).
- 21 Drank in small quantities (6).
- 24 Series (5).
- 25 Mourning refrain (6).
- 26 In need of cleaning (5).
- 28 Besides (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Corrodes, 8 Help, 9 Remained, 11 Convened, 13 Bets, 18 Corridor, 19 Tensetly, 19 Lost, 21 Resigned, 25 Compared, 26 Damp, 27 Distends. Down: 1 Chlo, 2 Plan, 4 Omen, 5 Read, 6 Dunce, 7 Sides, 9 Remit, 10 Melon, 12 Ozone, 14 Tith, 16 Defor, 17 Rabid, 19 Lucid, 20 Namps, 21 Rage, 22 Seed, 23 Neat, 24 Dope.

B. And K. Would Like To Visit America

Washington, Apr. 30.

Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin and Communist Party boss Nikita Khrushchev apparently still want to come to the United States despite the chilly reception they got in Britain.

They presumably would like to discuss Soviet-American relations directly with President Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles as part of the current Soviet peace offensive.

Chances Poor

This is the interpretation some diplomats placed on remarks by Mr Khrushchev on his return to Moscow from Britain today.

Mr Khrushchev said there are "signs" in the United States that American wants improved relations with the Soviet Union. "The Soviet Government is in favour of establishing good relations with the USA, and we shall do everything in that direction," he said.

Some diplomats say in words a broad hint that Russian leaders still hoped to visit the United States.

But the chances of an invitation being extended ap-

pear poor. President Eisenhower said last week he saw "no useful purpose to be served" by such a visit.

Mr Dulles also said last week that he knew of nothing in the works to invite them. And he said they may no longer want to come to the United States after their cool reception in Britain.

Officials said the United States naturally wants better relations with the Soviets. But they said the US wants to achieve those relations on the basis of settling basic US-Russian problems, not just by saying, "let's be friends."

Problems

These problems include German unification and European security, disarmament, Communist agitation in the Middle East, and freedom of communication and these scores the Iron Curtain.—United Press.

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GIRL IN REVOLT FINDS REFUGE IN ROME

—By RALPH COOPER—

THAT "Forever Amber" flasco—the film was one of Hollywood's costliest flops—seemed to be a career kiss-of-death for glamorous, tempestuous Linda Darnell, who played Amber.

From the moment she played the lead in that film, her star began to lose its glitter in the Hollywood heavens. But today Linda is fighting back, and has even gone into business for herself by forming her own production company.

Linda's career, spiced out by ill-fated romances on both sides of the Atlantic, has been in the doldrums recently—her screen appearances fewer and fewer. Now she's made her home in Rome, where her last three pictures have been made, and where her new one, to be made for her own company, is to be screened. It is called "Constantin."

Linda writes to tell me that she's going to make it in sunny Italy "because that's where the romantic story takes place." She is aiming for "Constantin" to get a world-wide release, to get a world-wide release, to get a world-wide release.

After "Amber," Linda rebelled against the long-term contract and having to play roles she did not think were suited to her. But, unlike other actresses, she did not stay in Hollywood to battle it out.

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Her incurably romantic nature found refuge in Italy, where, on and off for the past two years, she has spent most of her time.

Now, with 36 films behind her—she started at the age of 15—Linda has come to the turning point of her career. Still lovely, she has an inbred passion to offer, which the majority of actresses lack and which, in any case, does not find full chance of expression in Hollywood.

"If you want a thing well done, do it yourself," says Linda.

and so she decided that the best way to put over the maximum Darnell glamour and passion was to be the boss herself.

Plethora of others have tried it, and a good few have failed to make good, because a star isn't always the best picker when it comes to buying properties for herself. But there are plenty of examples of stars who have shown that besides being good-looking they have business heads on their shoulders.

The Hollywood revolution has gone so far today that the big studios are but a shadow of their former selves. The day of the mighty film mogul appears to be over.

The power has been split up and spread around among the artists.

No less than two-thirds of the current production at two of the major studios, Columbia and Warner, is now in the hands of independent companies—and even MGM, the most self-contained, traditional one of them all, will have ten independent films made within its hallowed walls this year.

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It was Jimmy Stewart who set the fashion, and others were quick to follow—Alan Ladd, Doris Day, John Wayne, Gary Cooper, Marlon Brando, Cornel Wilde, and even Gregory Peck, in spite of him telling me not so long ago that business worries were not for him and that he was quite content to be an actor.

Burt Lancaster must have one of the most powerful organisations, which thinks in worldwide terms, makes pictures all over the globe, buys top-rate properties, and can afford, as it has done recently, to sign up Gina Lollobrigida and Tony Curtis—with Sir Carol Reed as director—for a circus film made entirely in Paris.

Whether this star revolution is a good thing for the industry or not remains to be seen—but Cornel Wilde, who formed his own company a couple of years ago, told me on the "Beyond Mombasa" set at Elstree in Britain that he thinks it is a very good thing.

"All the business worries are worth it," he said, "because you

are creating something for yourself, and therefore have an intense interest in it. Mouthful someone else's lines for a straight salary can get monotonous.

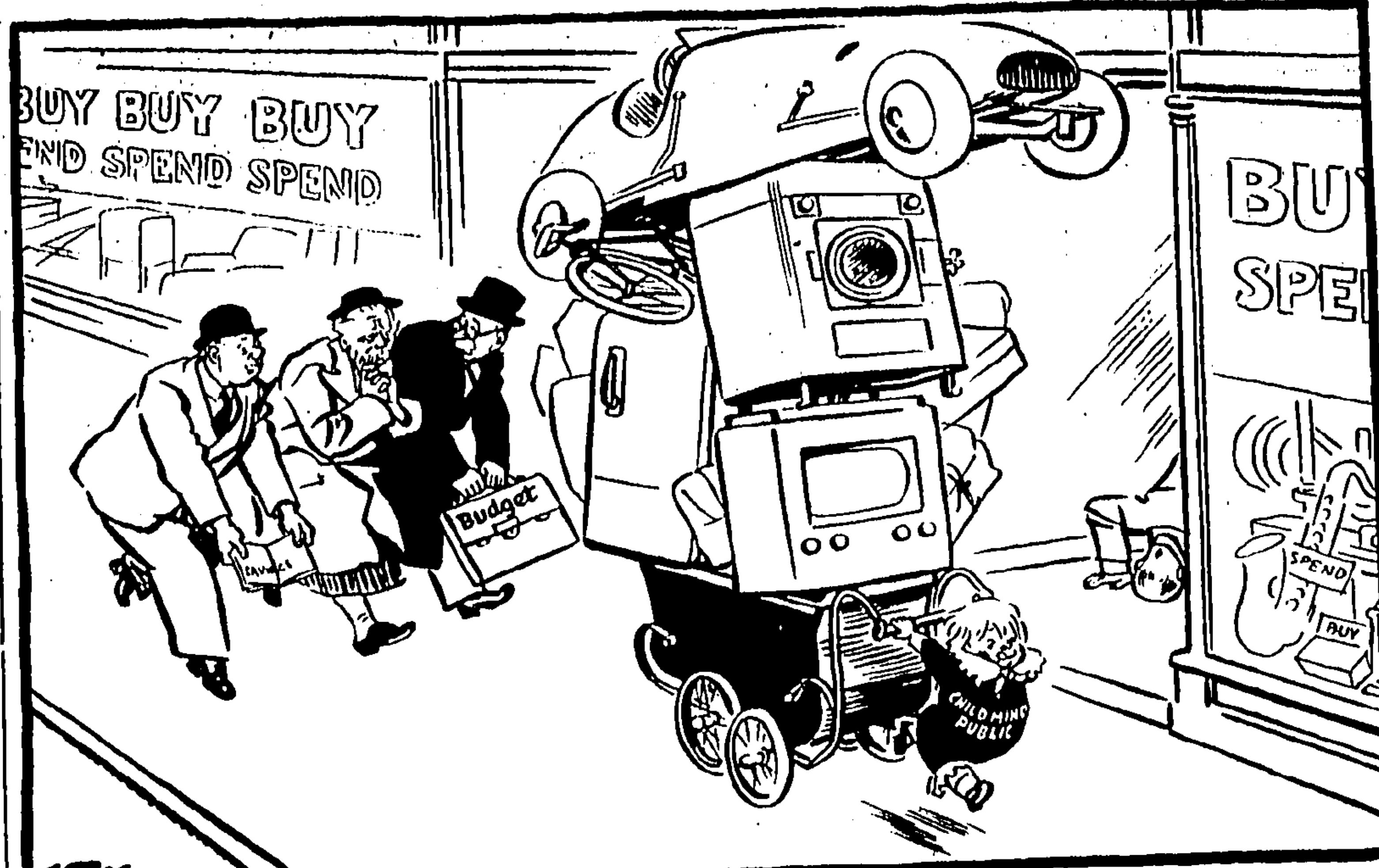
"I'm just as keen as the big studios were to spot new talent. If I see a worthwhile youngster I'll put him in a picture with a couple of established stars like a shot. And if he does well in that he'll get progressively better billing in his next pictures until he becomes a star in his own right."

So far the ladies have not been so eager to jump into business as the men. Apart from Doris Day, Marilyn Monroe and Linda Darnell, they have been happy to freelance, taking, wherever possible, a handsome share of the profits.

Like Linda, too, the one-time purely cinema actresses are turning their eyes to the stage. Linda recently made her stage debut in the United States in "Boonville of Roses," and followed it at once with a version of "Tea and Sympathy" in Miami. Next autumn she hopes to make her bow in a new play on Broadway.



Linda Darnell



ABOVE ALL THE LITTLE DEAR MUST NOT BE FRUSTRATED

BEGINNING TODAY... A STORY THAT EVENT'S HAVE GIVEN A NEW, COMPELLING SIGNIFICANCE

Stalin 'Exhumed'!

A NEW APPRAISAL OF THE MAN WHOSE LIFE IS RIGHT AT THE CENTRE OF THE MOST ASTONISHING POLITICAL SOMERSAULT OF MODERN TIMES



THE clay is not yet dust. The embalmed body is as firm now as when it lay three years ago in a bower of spring flowers, after the fashion of the Czars. The body of the man who more than any other strode this world like a

Colossus is solid still, with formaldehyde for blood.

"A man has died who was the reason, heart, and conscience of humanity," said the idolator of that man and his regime. Thus Ilya Ehrenburg, three years ago, on Joseph Vissarionovich Djugashvili, who was first called Soso, or little Joe; who was then called Koba, or the Indomitable, after the name of a Georgian Robin Hood; and who was finally called Stalin, Man of Steel.

Three years ago the near great of Russia posed by his hier, cringing before his ghost, powerless beside his memory. The puppets of the satellites and the Western Communist Parties jerked their distress, and shed real tears.

A funeral commission was set up. The chairman of it was Comrade N. S. Krushchev.

Years before Stalin had written: "The revolution is irrevocable either of regretting or of burying its dead." Now, the words return.

Comrade Krushchev, who entombed Stalin, reviles his ghost and struts across his memory. The builder of the Russian State, the Little Father of the Russian peoples, the destroyer of Fascism, is now "a tyrant, a torturer of children, and a man who ordered his troops not to return the fire of Hitler's first attack."

THE MYTHS

THE images of Stalin are torn down. The myth is destroyed. But myths often replace myths, and terror begets terror. There are riots in Russia: the monolith shudders. It is time to look again at Stalin, to separate myth and reality.

The dead man, in a bower of spring flowers, was not the saint they said he was. But there was this to be said for the man. He loved the spring and flowers, the growth of vegetable life.

That alone softened his childhood and tempered the squalor and poverty with some grace. His father was born a chattel slave. Freed, he tried to climb up the social rung and became a cobbler. But in Georgia,

where Stalin was born, they talk of man being "drunk as cobbler."

Stalin's father drank and may have beaten the boy. But the boy grew strongly, although three earlier children had died at birth, and although his father left him and his mother to work in a Tiflis factory.

Stalin and his mother, who washed and sewed to scrape a living, lived in a hovel—a kitchen and another room. The rain streamed in from the guttering. The fields, especially in spring, were the boy's only pleasure. They, and pretty early too, his hate.

At his church school he learned to hate his poverty, and to hate speaking Russian instead of his native Georgian.

His mother, ambitious for her son to rise to the splendour of priesthood, sent him to the Tiflis Theological Seminary. He stayed there till he was 19, disciplined by unwelcome theological studies and by a supervision part monastery and part barracks.

Yet here, among the monks, he first learned of the stirrings of thought that destroyed his Christianity and formed his socialism.

He began speaking to small groups of workmen. The schoolboy in the seminary was listened to with respect outside. His ambition became restless: the serf's son now belonged to the intelligentsia.

He became a revolutionary. He went underground. These were the natural consequences of his hate, his education, and his ambition. He became Koba, the Indomitable.

He worked in Tiflis, in Batumi. He began suffering imprisonment and spells of banishment. He also married for the first time.

In prison he threw a stone out of a window.

A message wrapped round it asked the ruler to go to his

home town and tell Stalin's mother to say he had been at home when he was alleged to have been conspiring. He did not mind using his mother for his alibi.

In 1905 came the first revolution. The first spontaneous protest of the Petersburg workers against the Czar, whose troops had fired on them.

Lenin wrote from Geneva: "Make way for the anger and hatred that have accumulated in your hearts throughout the centuries of exploitation, suffering, and grief." Here was no caution.

Stalin wrote: "Let us hold out our hands to each other and rally round our Party's committees. We must not forget even for a minute that only our committees can worthily lead us, only they will light our way to the promised land."

By 1905 Stalin had a glimmering of his way to the promised land and the flowery bier.

It was to be by way of the Party.

In 1907 his wife died. At the cemetery, says one of Stalin's early enemies: "Koba firmly pressed my hand, pointed to the coffin and said: 'Soso, this creature softened my heart of stone; she died, and with her died my last warm feelings for all human beings.'"

He pressed his hand on his inside, so inexpressibly desolate.

The underground revolutionaries slowly expanded his activities, slowly, almost imperceptibly, drew nearer to the source of authority: Lenin in exile.

The narrow life had two purposes only: revolution and power; two springs: hatred and ambition; and one method: through the Party, nearer to Lenin.

In 1912 came the reward. He was co-opted on to the Central Executive Committee of the Party. A few weeks later he helped to begin Pravda. His leading article said: "Full conformity of views can only be achieved at a cemetery."

Now he first becomes Stalin by name, the Man of Steel.

But he was still unknown. "That wonderful Georgian," Lenin called him, but still could not remember his proper name.

The Great War came—and 1917. In February the revolution began. Stalin was imprisoned in Siberia. He returned to the capital, before Lenin arrived from the Finland station where the Germans had taken

THIS SERIES HAS BEEN WRITTEN BY...

GEORGE GALE

him in the famous armoured train. Stalin for a week or two was the senior Bolshevik in the capital.

He had power to make decisions. He made the wrong ones. A provisional Government had been set up following the overthrow of the Czar.

Stalin thought the Government should be supported and Russia defended from the German attacks.

Then Lenin arrived to shape history as a potter shapes soft and spinning clay in one of the most astonishing short spells in history. This was the time for heroic decision. The decision was Lenin's.

The chaos of war was succeeded by the chaos of civil war. Lenin led the Red State and Trotsky led the Red Army to eventual triumph.

And all the time Stalin was on the periphery. He helped in the defence of Tsaritsyn, which became Stalingrad and which he chose, they say, as the site of the last war's chief battle. He was a member of the Government, competent it seemed, no more.

At the end of the civil war this crude, coarse Georgian with rough speech and no wit and an anger massively controlled found himself a member of the Politburo, Commissar of Nationalities, and Commissar for Workers' and Peasants' Inspection. There was no glamour here, nor did any road to the summit of power invite.

THE MACHINE

IN March 1922 when a new job was created—Secretary-General of the Communist Party—he seemed a suitable, dull pedestrian sort of fellow, a good administrator, competent enough for the job.

He may have smiled, then. He may have smiled again in May, when Lenin had a stroke. He may have smiled next March, when Lenin had another stroke.

He may have smiled when Lenin died in January 1924.

Nothing could shake Lenin's achievement. The glamour was Trotsky's. Zinoviev and Kamenev too were far greater than Stalin in fame and popularity.

But Stalin

had the machine, and Stalin kept the machine. "Stalin did not create the machine but took possession of it. For this, exceptional and special qualities were necessary. But they were not the qualities of the historic initiator, thinker, writer, or orator. The machine had grown out of ideas. Stalin's first qualification was a contemptuous attitude towards ideas. The idea had..."

The words stop there. The words stop there because the man who was writing them was hit on the head by a pickaxe and had his brains wrung out. There were no more ideas from that pen. The pickaxe of the assassin had a contemptuous attitude towards ideas.

It was Trotsky who wrote these words in Mexico and who died from the pickaxe. Stalin did not himself wield the axe, but by 1940, when the axe fell, Trotsky was all that was left of opposition to Stalin. And years before no opposition was left inside Russia.

'FATHER'

YEARS before Stalin had had his lackeys fashion the myth and had his thugs kill off the men who disputed it.

The first myth told of the Little Father who led the Caucasus in early revolt and who took the head of the final revolution at the shoulder of Lenin.

The second myth told of the Little Father who replaced the Man of Steel and whose kindly face protected the peoples of Russia.

The third myth told of the Generalissimo of Victory.

Krushchev and the others could denounce the myths. The idols are smashed. But myths replace myths and terror begets terror.

One of the greatest singers of Stalin's myths was called Lavrenti Beria. He sang so sweetly of Stalin that he became chief of the secret police. He sang so sweetly of Stalin that nine months after Stalin died Beria followed him, full of the bullets of a firing squad and after a secret trial.

A new myth and a new terror could come again—as a new myth and a new terror came with Stalin's triumph in 1924.

TOMORROW:

The Second Myth—or 1984 in the 30's

QUOTE

"He was a Soviet patriot and an internationalist, a grandmaster of the art of war and an indefatigable warrior for world peace, an uncompromising opponent of false ideas and of the people's enemies, and a man of the widest humanity."

—Daily Worker, March 5, 1954.

QUOTE

"... pervasions of history which took place during the 20 years when Stalin placed himself above the Party, ignoring the principle of collective leadership. This period of arbitrary rule resulted in many serious mistakes and injustices."

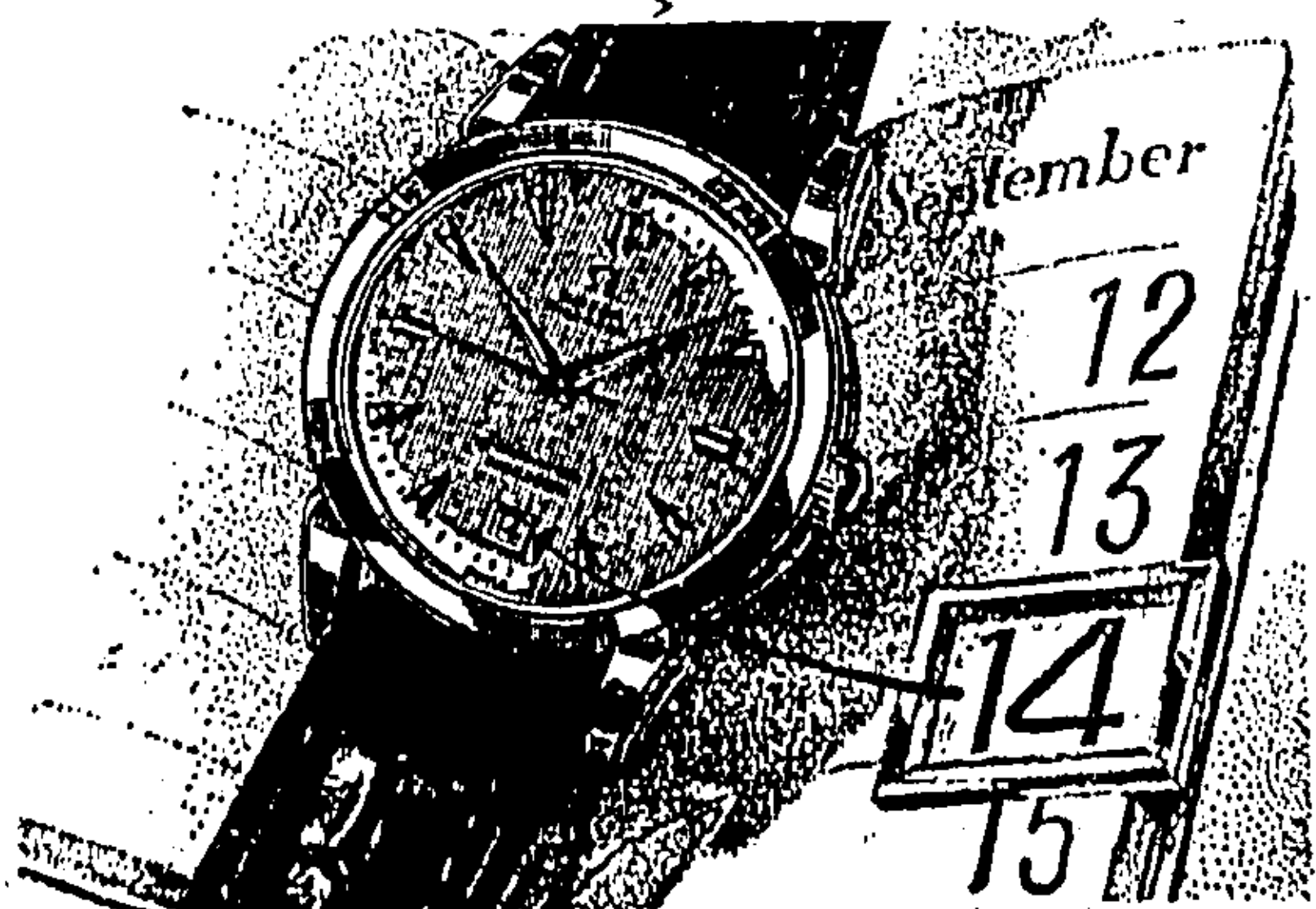
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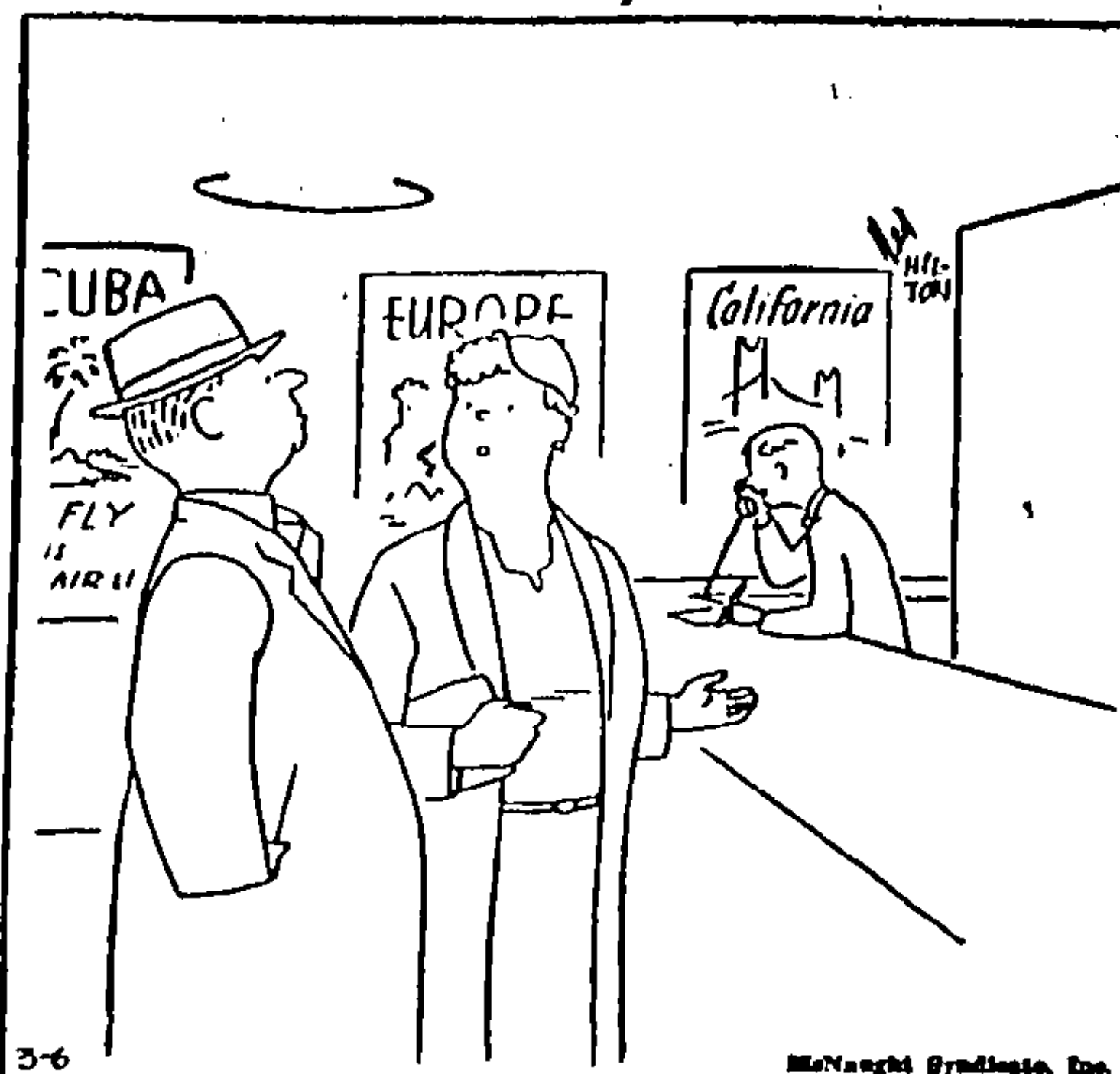
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This Funny World



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BY THE WAY
by Beachcomber

AN inquiry is to be made into the inquiry being made into the Cockburn Interim Egg Report.

Meanwhile, the suggestion that any poultry-keeper who lays new-laid eggs should be entitled to call his eggs fresh is being opposed by the big state-egg interests. They want to exclude from registration only those poultry-keepers who would post-date their eggs in order to influence the grocers. But the Graders and Stampers reject the plan to ante-date all fresh eggs laid by hens belonging to a poultry-keeper with not more than 10 and not fewer than 20 birds.

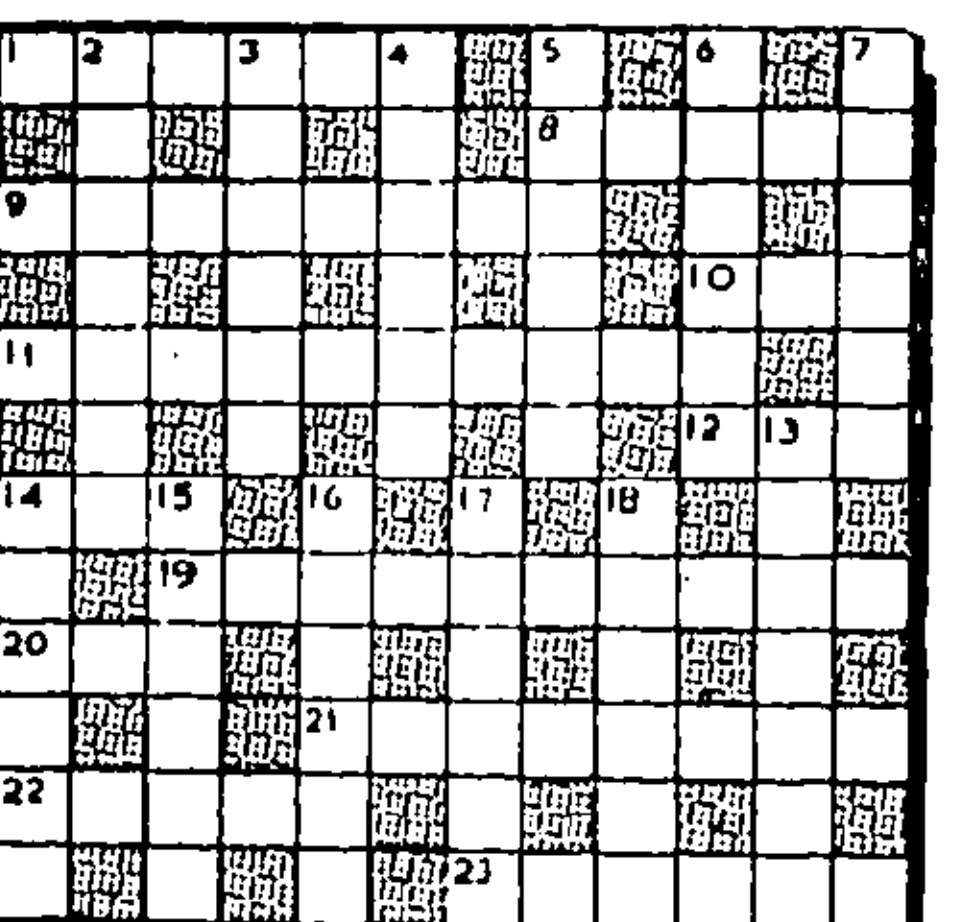
A business deal

A MAN who was offered by a council £3 10s. 9d. for a house for which he paid £2,000 discovered a month later that the council had resold the house for £3,500. The council then evicted the new owner, paying him £7 15s. as compensation, and, in answer to repeated complaints from the original owner, offered to allow him to buy back his own house for £4,715.

Marginal note

I ADMIRE the reasoning of a letter-writer who says that obviously no speed-limits are needed anywhere "because it is agreed that they are not observed." I will let this prove that there are no accidents.

CROSSWORD



1. The actress up and goes crashing down. (6)
2. Open the way. (5)
3. When the 1 Across goes up the whole thing is obviously. (3-5)
4. This for a title and a tooth for a tooth. (3)

5. This is a capital. (5-6)
6. Miss Muffet, did on a tuffet. (3)
7. Most certain. (6)
8. This makes sense or help medically. (7)
9. Command. (6)
10. They are essential in a couple. (4)
11. They are run by monastic brotherhoods. (6)
12. It is a hurry. (6)
13. There are just the reverse of acids. (6)
14. They make themselves felt each winter. (6)
15. Cash and carry is his motto. (6)
16. They sing in concert. (6)
17. He has offended. (6)

JACOBY
ON BRIDGETrump Lead
Sets Bidder

By OSWALD JACOBY

TODAY'S hand is from "Point Count Contract Bridge Complete," an excellent work on bidding and play, written by Ernest W. Rovere. To students of the game we offer two words of advice about Rovere's book: Read it.

"Following a penalty pass of an informative double, the opening lead by the doubler should be a trump," writes Rovere. "The reason is that the partner's pass showed control of the trump suit. Therefore the declarer should pull the declarer's trumps and not permit him to take tricks by trumping losers with small trumps."

"If West makes the normal opening lead of the king of clubs, South will make the contract. Dummy's ace wins,

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♥ 73		♥ Q54	
♦ 10862		♦ K8	
♣ A7832		♣ 984	
WEST		SOUTH (D)	
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♥ K J 10 8		♥ A 9 8 2	
♦ A 9 7 3		♦ Q J 4	
♣ K Q J 7		♣ 10	
North-South vul.		South West North East	
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Opening lead—♠ 5			

and South trumps a club. The ace of hearts is cashed, and a heart trick is lost.

"The defenders now switch to a trump. South wins. A heart is trumped in dummy, another club trumped by South. This gives South a sure total of seven tricks."

"Yet the opening lead of the singleton trump will defeat the contract two tricks. East's eight forces out South's king. The ace of clubs is cashed, and a low club ruffed by South. The ace of hearts is played, and a low heart follows."

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WOMANSENSE



A display of the latest footwear styles by Donna Greco of Paris: they are designed to be worn with "Directoire" style dresses. The heels are of normal height to assure stability, but they taper to needle-like ends. The colour contrasts and floral patterns provide a pleasing change.—Agence France-Presse.

PARIS COUTURIERS HAVE ADOPTED ESCAPISM
AS THE THEME OF THEIR LATEST CREATIONSEVENING DRESSES IN A
ROMANTIC MOOD

PARIS designers have adopted an escapist mood in formal clothes. Silhouettes, fabrics, colours and romantic symbols of "La Belle Epoque" take a nostalgic and searching look backwards for the coming season.

Scarcely an evening gown from any period is shown without a big lace fan, opera glasses, long white kid gloves, or a ruffled in the ribbon, belt or bodice.

As the century advances, the Restoration is recalled in frilled and flounced tiers and, later, the Empress Eugenie silhouette in snug corselet gowns covered with delicately traced embroidery.

There are ballerina tutus, frequently endorsing the trend towards graded hemlines which are street-length in front and sweep out to a modified train at the back.

The 10th century scene slips to the United States, with Civil War belles suggested in ruffled sheers or voluminously full flounces edged with lingerie or handkerchief embroidery.

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FRENCH TOAST SHOULD BE
CRISP, GOLDEN BROWN

By IDA BAILEY ALLEN

"It is my opinion, Madame," said the Chef, "that most home-makers do not know what good French toast really is."

"It should be crisp and pale golden brown on the outside, and soft, but never soggy, on the inside."

"How do you like to fry French toast, Chef?" I asked.

"Slowly, Madame, preferably in butter, which gives a nice flavour; but never in deep fat which gives a greasy taste."

"When making French toast with soft bread, it is necessary to use more eggs and less milk than usual to produce a crisp exterior and not-soggy interior."

French Toast: Beat 3 eggs until frothy with ¼ c. milk, ½ tsp. salt and a choice of ½ tsp. ground cinnamon, clove or nutmeg.

Cut 12 slices of bread in halves. Quickly dunk each piece in the "egg wash," then sauté, preferably in butter, over a moderate heat until golden brown on each side.

French toast is a good dish for either brunch or lunch. With only a little ham or crisp bacon it makes a substantial main dish. And when made into tuna or chicken sandwiches, French toast is good for dinner, too.

Chicken French Toastwiches: Put slices of French toast together in pairs with cooked chicken heated with mayonnaise to blend. Top with plenty of bubbling hot cheese sauce.

Then beat in 2 tsp. butter and 1 ½ tsp. lemon juice.

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In steaming puddings, the bottom of the mould must not touch the bottom of the kettle used for steaming. So first put in a rack, or several folds of newspaper, then place the mould on this. Pour in boiling water to ¾ the depth of the mould. Cover and boil the required time.

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BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

What Pirates Like Best

—They Find Lots of Gold, But Little Bread And Butter—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the Stuffed Bear and Mary Jane the Rag Doll were all sitting down on the floor. In the middle of the group, standing tall and straight with his musket over his shoulder, was General Tin the Tin Soldier.

Everyone knew very well why General Tin had a musket. It was to guard the house against dangerous brigands.

"But, General Tin," Teddy the Stuffed Bear had just said, "what are brigands?"

"Sure, what are brigands?" asked Knarf. "What do they look like?"

Neither Mary Jane nor Hanid knew what brigands were.

General Tin explained.

"My dear chaps," said General Tin, looking around very sternly at Knarf and Hanid and Teddy and Mary Jane, "I'm surprised at you for not knowing what brigands are. Brigands are . . . brigands are . . . well, they're like pirates."

"Pirates!" exclaimed Teddy, turning a little pale.

But Knarf and Hanid and Mary Jane all burst out laughing. They laughed so long and so merrily that finally General Tin frowned and said, "What's so funny about pirates?"

"Oh, I beg your pardon, dear General Tin," said Hanid. "We

in is an airship."

Teddy immediately wanted to know what an airship was.

"It's a balloon," said General Tin. "It's shaped like a ship. It sails through the air."

"Many a time, late at night, as I stood here by this door, I've seen pirates sailing up in their airships, trying to get in. I've always driven them off. I'm not afraid of pirates."

Whiting, who has been writing about sport for over 30 years, surveys the boxing scene.

Sport assignments have taken him all over the world. Gymnasium doors are always open to him.

Whiting knows the managers, the trainers, as well as the boxers and he has followed many a champion—from preliminary to title bout.

Always quick to spot talent, his acumen has often resulted in a promoter giving a boxer his first big chance.

Whiting's experience is backed by fearless writing. Criticism or praise, his comments are sought not only in Britain, but in overseas countries, too.

Of today's boxing in Britain, Whiting says we are not without hope. Not quite, but.....

OUR CUPBOARD IS BARE

London.

Who will hit the boxing headlines this summer? Well, let us be honest and admit right away that boxers do not have to hit each other to hit headlines.

The braying of managers, the trumpeting of promoters, the howling of sanctimonious do-gooders, the yapping of ringside bet-bugs, the screaming of sensation-mongers, and, above all, the insidious, back-of-the-hand whispering of smear-merchants... depend upon it, they'll take care of the headlines.

So we will change the question and ask instead: Which of Britain's boxers will lick all creation this summer? Much easier—and the answer is: There aren't any.

To the best of my knowledge, there is not a single home-bred boxer in Britain with the slightest hope of becoming a World Champion before the end of the year. And it will be an equally big surprise if any one of them gets a chance to prove me wrong.

THIN TIME

Prophets of war abound in the fight game and I have neither desire nor inclination to join in their wet-eyed wails. Nevertheless, my honest critic with his head an inch from the sand will admit that the British branch of the international boxing business is having a very thin time indeed.

Even that elastic optimist Jack Solomon, who can usually see world-beaters where the rest of us see bar-rooms, has had to stop persuading himself (and us) that fighting talent still abounds in these tight little islands.

I like with a hundredweight of salt Solomon's threat to quit promotion. This June—especially when I see him being to get Charles Hunter to Britain from France to defend his European middleweight title against Pat McAteer next September.

But no sharper comment on our sick state could have been made than when Solomon, faced by an Archie Moore v. Yolande Pompey postponement, confessed himself unable to find an alternative fight capable of filling the White City this June.

Blame entertainment tax, or the credit squeeze, or National Service, or the fact that full employment has depleted the ranks of young Britons obliged to punch for a pay-check.

Professional boxing was never so healthy as when a fight was often the only means of achieving a full belly. Ask any old-timer from the Blackfriars Ring.

Japan's Women's Olympic Hope Sets Record

Tokyo, Apr. 30. Japan's hope in the women's discus in the Melbourne Olympic Games, 36-year-old Toyoko Yoshino, smashed her own national mark on Sunday in a meet at nearby Urawa city.

Miss Yoshino, Asian Discus Champion, heaved the discus 46.5 metres on Sunday eclipsing her former mark of 40.37 metres set last year.

The left-handed athlete won the event in the Second Asian Games, at Manila in May, 1954. She placed fourth in the discus event in the 1952 Olympic Games at Helsinki. —United Press.



GEORGE WHITING

under-privileged—and the under-privileged do not live Britain in any more.

ONLY TITLE

Yolande Pompey, I hope, will give us cause to rejoice over his European Championship title against Archie Moore at Harrogate on June 3—the only World title fight we are likely to see this year, despite the half-promises that Pascal Perez keeps making from the Argentine about exposing his flyweight Championship to the Rhonda-fashonated lists of little Dan Loozer.

But no native glory accrues to us from Pompey. True, he has thrown nearly all his punches in England, but he is a resolute fighter mainly because he was once a poor boy in Trinidad.

Britain, first in the business of boxing, is not even a European champion to boast its boxing ego. The outworn and out-moded booths have given us no budding talent since Freddie Mills. Even the normal influx of amateurs has been halted by the promise of juicy ABA trips to Poland in May, Russia and Finland in June, and the Melbourne Olympics in November.

Are we, then, entirely bankrupt? No. The Washington-defeated Johnny Williams may be boiling the same old heavy-weight pot, but at least we have a bunch of bigish youngsters ready for fresh cooking.

If boxing sours or sags, according to its heavyweight division—and it does—then we are four times blessed in the possession of Joe Erskine, Henry Cooper, Dick Richardson, and Brian London.

RICH SEAM

True, the unbeaten Erskine lacks spark. Richardson is green. Cooper is short on colour, and London too often goes wild. Nevertheless, I doubt if any country in the world has a richer heavyweight seam. One

of these young men could, given the breaks and imaginative match-making, be signing fat international contracts when Rocky Marciano finally steps back into domesticity and becomes a memory.

Meanwhile, Cooper and London meet at Empress Hall to-day (May 1) and the all-Welsh Erskine-Richardson fight, planned for Cardiff on May 7, offers us a potential smash hit such as we have not seen since we argued the merits of Woodcock v. Mills and bit our lips at the melodrama of the first Gardner-Williams onslaught nearly six years ago.

Handsome Iton Barton rides high over our cruiserweights and is young enough—23—to rise higher. Barton can box like a copy book on his day, but I sometimes wonder whether he does not regard the whole business as a chore and a bore. Only if this estimate is wrong—and I hope it is—will the ex-airman from Essex garner the really big prizes.

Middleweights? A fortnight ago we could have rhapsodized over a then unbeaten Champion, wrote lightly of a fiery young fellow-Merseysider called Billy Ellaway. The sword and the bludgeon, the boxer and the fighter and all Lancashire waiting to break crowd records to see them clash. When I was accused of knocking a noble art.

PIERCE FIRE

Put now we know that McAteer comes with ring rust after a five months' lay-off with an injured hand; and London's Law Lazar has exposed the robust Ellaway as a grass-green tyro with not the slightest idea of coping with simple straight left. Both must be tried in flower fires before we can talk of them in terms of World Championships.

Twenty-year-old Dave Charnley, the Warfield, boiler-maker who "sculptured" Sammy McCarthy out of the lightweight limelight recently, has all the physical requirements, plus killer-instinct, to become one of the pugilistic wonders of his age. But he is as yet only a cub. Why toss him to the lions until his claws are sharpened by experience?

THE UNKNOWN

The same may be written of featherweight Bobby Neill, that enterprising young Scot who hit back at life after being left for useless in a road accident.

Are there others? Perhaps, throwing practice punches in an amateur championship, or thumping spar-mates in the embrocating atmosphere of some secluded gymnasium, or earning his first modest pure money in a preliminary six-rounder, there is some stripling Briton whose name we shall acclaim as we acclaim those of Randolph Turpin and Freddie Mills.

But not, I fear, in 1956. —(London Express Service). (COPYRIGHT)

COCKELL'S DOWN AND OUT



Don Cockell, 27-year-old British and Empire Heavyweight Boxing Champion, sprawls across the ring at Earl's Court, London, on April 24 after being knocked out in 2 mins 27 secs of the second round by 22-year-old Kitione Lave of the Friendly Isles.

Defeat of the overweight Cockell had British sports scribes in an uproar—for Britain's Jack Gardner was also severely felled on the same bill, and Cockell and Gardner have a fight scheduled in the near future.

Commented J. O. Fane, President of the British Boxing Board of Control: "It is all very distressing and bad for British heavyweight boxing. Gardner and Cockell are due to meet for Cockell's British and Empire titles on May 28 at Leicester, but I am calling an immediate meeting of stewards to discuss the situation."—London Express Photo.

TED DRAKE EXPLAINS.....

CHELSEA'S SLIDE FROM THE TOP DOWN TO THEIR STRUGGLE AGAINST RELEGATION

By JAMES CONNOLLY

Ted Drake blames the Cup ambitions of himself and his team for Chelsea's slide from the top as League Champions down to their struggle against relegation.

"The boys set out to win the Cup. They were dead keen, and so was I," Ted told me.

"They were determined on a special effort this year. After establishing ourselves reasonably well in the League we were confident that we had a good fighting Cup chance."

"We made one big mistake. We never allowed for anything like that Burnley Marathon. Up to the Burnley series we had a fine prospect of finishing in the League talent money."

"Then defeat at Everton—a bitter disappointment to the boys. Reaction was both physical and mental. The slide slumped."

"It has been a tough job. Up to that Cup defeat we were always a good fighting side. Then the enthusiasm and snap—qualities that win games—vanished. Thank goodness we found them both again last week to beat Everton 6-1."

UNHAPPY COINCIDENCE

There is an unhappy coincidence in the check to the careers of two young West Ham players, inside-forward Brian Moore (21) and full-back Geoff Hallas (22).

Hallas complained that he could not see properly after a match early in the season. He was sent to a specialist who told the boy that his eyesight was affected and that he would have to give up football.

Moore, brilliant young starlet from Distillery, the Irish club, was injured on Boxing Day.

The injury left him with only half vision in his right eye. He hasn't played since.

"The specialists don't seem to think that his eye will improve," Ted Fenton told me. "The boy looked to have a great future. Before he makes any decision I'd like him to go back to Ireland to talk things over with his family."

Success hampers Alec Stock's hopes to stage the match he most wants—Leyton Orient v. Arsenal.

When they signed Vic Groves Arsenal agreed to visit Leyton, but Orient's promotion bid and a crowded programme make it difficult.

Arsenal would like to play as soon as possible, as a goodwill gesture to the man who left the golden promise of Highbury for the homeliness of Leyton Orient.

They know that the match would pull a capacity gate and give Orient a £2,000 lift up towards their new stand.

Doug Reid, Portsmouth's veteran utility star, is now favourite for the Chester player-manager ship.

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Ian Johnson Launches The Miller Plan

By DENNIS HART

Ian Johnson, the Australian skipper, has a plan to recapture the Ashes—the Miller Plan. Debonair Keith, of the majestic batting and menacing bowling, is the key man in the Australian side. Batsman Miller will, with left-hander Neil Harvey, lead the way in taming England's attack. Bowler Miller will be the shock man of the Australian attack.

Both roles are vital. Ian Johnson regards the England bowling as the strongest for over twenty years. Australia's batting is sound. On Miller's inspiration it can become powerful.

England's batting is weak, perhaps the weakest for over twenty years. With May and Cowdrey to lead the way, however, it can develop. Miller's job will be to see that May and Cowdrey do not lead the way.

All this is expected of a man who is 36; who has never spared himself in ten years of concentrated Test cricket, and who has been troubled by a bad back.

How can he do it? This is where the second part of the Plan comes in. Says Johnson, "Keith will concentrate on his batting and will only be used as a shock bowler, the others will do the back work. Nothing must interfere with Keith's batting."

The danger here is not so much of physical injury—the way Miller threw himself into the deck games, on-board ship on the trip over showed that he was in good shape—but of mental strain.

IN GRAND STYLE. Johnson remembers the last Australian tour of 1955. Miller

began in grand style. His first three innings for the tour were 220 not out, 42 run out and 159 not out. He hit a fifty and a hundred in the first two Tests. But in the next three Tests he could total only 29 runs in five innings.

For Miller, the finest all-round cricketer the world has ever seen, was brought up on week-end cricket. Playing six days a week blunted the fine edge of his play.

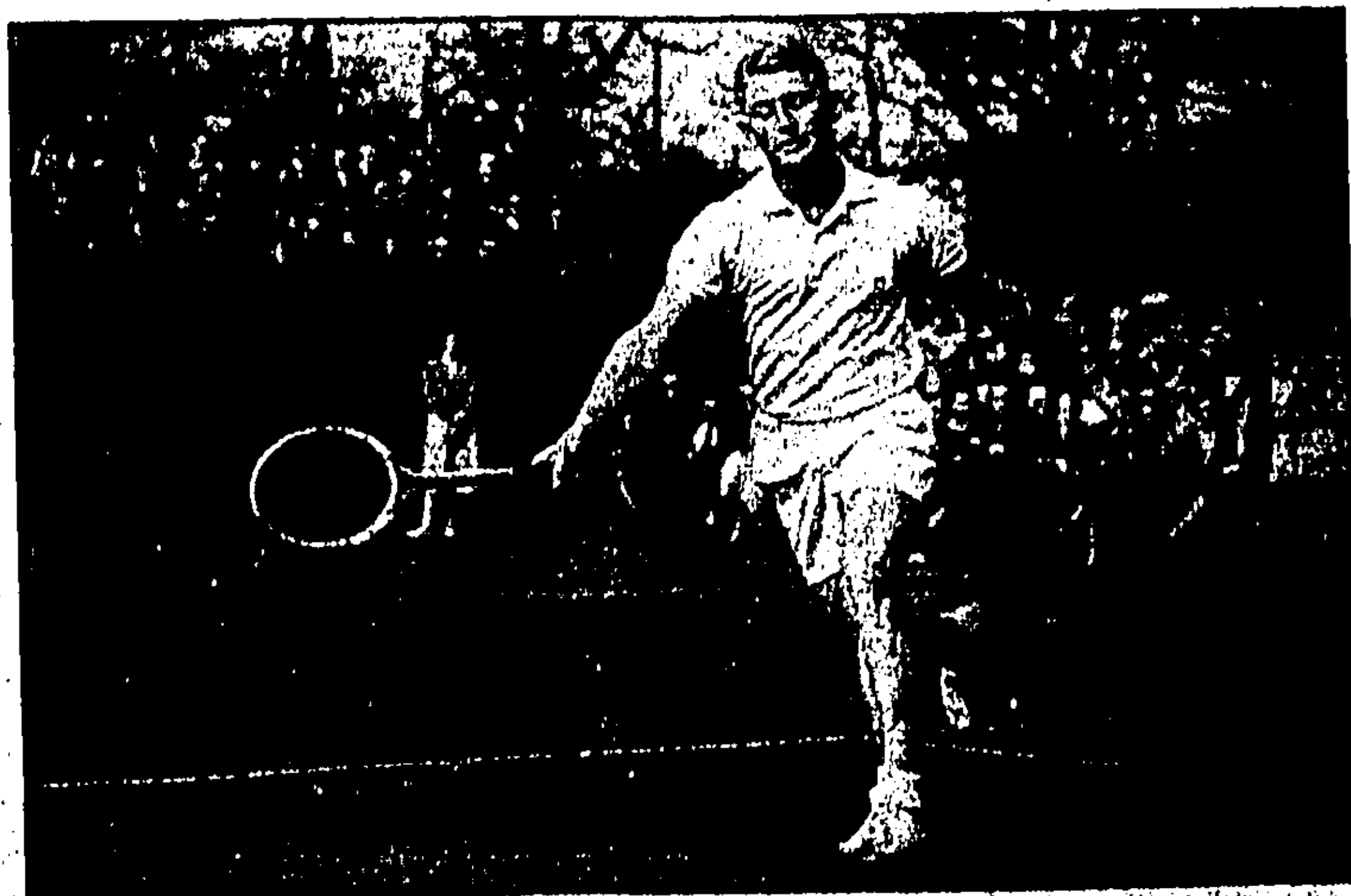
It was his batting which was mainly affected. Can he make a come-back with the bit?

Ian Johnson thinks he has done it already. "In the West Indies Keith, backed as well as he has ever been," declares the Aussie skipper. "On that tour Miller hit three centuries, all in Tests, and averaged over fifty in all matches."

Johnson regards the West Indies tour as the period of transition for the Australian team in general. "We began our comeback then," he says. "Given a dry summer we can carry it on in England, and take back the Ashes."

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NO. 1 WIMBLEDON SEED



Low Hoad, Australian No. 1 and top Wimbledon seed, seen in play at Chingford on April 21 when he defeated Bobby Wilson in the final of the Men's Singles of the Connaught Club tournament.—Central Press Photo.

What's best in Kowloon?

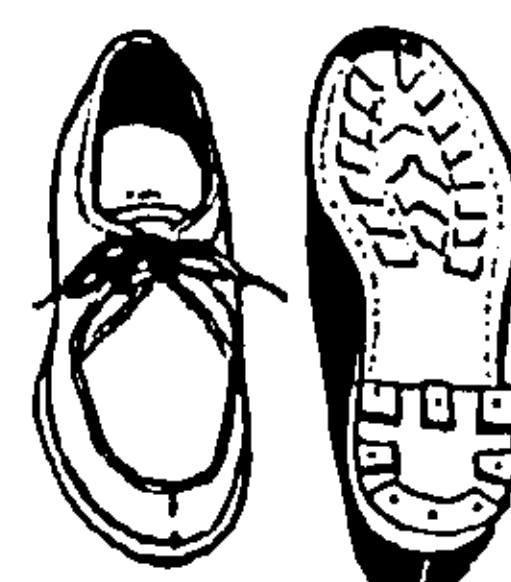


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day the 24th day of May 1956
at 11.45 a.m. or so soon after-
wards as the Ordinary Yearly
Meeting to be held at 11.30
a.m. on that day shall have
concluded when the proposed
Resolution will be proposed as
a Special Resolution:—

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tion subscribed by the
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adopted as the Articles of
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By Order of the Board,
L. B. STONE,
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Brazilian Olympic Swimmer Starts Crusade

By Haig Nicholson

Rio de Janeiro, Apr. 30.

The Brazilian swimming champion, Piedade Coutinho, who at one time represented her country in the Olympic Games, has now dedicated her life to the rehabilitation of child and adult victims of poliomyelitis, generally called polio, by teaching them to swim.

Dona Piedade—a Christian name which means Piety—has been helping polio victims for 20 years, but now she has turned her back on the competitive swimming which has brought her fame and has big plans for the future.

She was still a teen-age girl when her sympathy for polio victims was first aroused. On the fashionable, sun-drenched Copacabana beach, where she was lying, there came a mother helping her crippled daughter

The Beginning

"She was a beautiful girl of eight," said Dona Piedade, "but she had a twisted and tortured walk resulting from polio."

The mother helped her daughter into the water but the surf was causing her difficulty. Dona Piedade went to the mother's help. The mother recognized Dona Piedade as the rising swimming star, she then was, and asked her if she would help to teach her daughter to swim.

She said she would. That was the beginning. When she was not occupied in training or in competitive swimming, she helped child victims of polio to swim.

At first, she used club pools but in one after another parents objected. Dona Piedade, as the children swimming with children who were crippled with the disease.

Then the mother of one of her pupils placed a private pool in the garden of her house at the disposal of Dona Piedade. It is not a big pool, only fifteen feet by nine, but each day it is a place where laughing children bring back strength to wasted limbs while their mothers look on with smiles which show the load that is being lifted from their shoulders.

'Catch Me'

Standing on the edge of the pool at 55 Rua Martins Ferreira in the Rio suburb of Botafogo today, Paulinho (Little Paul) may be seen saying to Dona Piedade as she stands in the water, "Catch me—here I come." He jumps into the water, is caught by Dona Piedade, and starts swimming. Only a few weeks ago he could not move his right leg, which is much thinner than the left. Now he moves easily through the water

and he himself has become a different person.

The boy who was so short a time ago (timid and shy, and who is being sorry for himself, made others sorry for him, is now a different person.

"The first thing to do," said Dona Piedade, "is to gain the confidence of the children and I seem to have the knack of doing that. The children, too, gain confidence in themselves, usually in a week.

When they learn how to swim, they develop a new feeling of independence and there is a great psychological change when they see that, after all, they are not so different from other children."

The pool, which is the only polio rehabilitation centre of its kind in Brazil, is used not only by children but by grown-ups as well. There is, for example, a teen-age girl who was attacked by polio three years ago. She could only move about on two sticks and always with someone else's assistance.

Strict Supervision

She, too, came under the care of Dona Piedade a few weeks ago. As a result of exercise in the pool, she is already walking alone with only one stick.

"I hope it will not be long before I throw that one away too," she told me.

Dona Piedade's work is done under strict medical supervision. Each of her pupils has a card recording accurately the extent of disability and the progress made under her care. If they have money to pay for the treatment they receive, they pay. But there are many poor children starting out on the road to full health just because Dona Piedade wants to see them well. They pay nothing.

Even though it is a small pool there is a time and a place for everyone.

"There are many exercises of benefit to polio victims," said Dona Piedade, "but I think it has been proved that swimming is the best of all. I am treating not only polio victims but injured girls who have spinal injuries and mothers suffering from the effects of childbirth."

Dona Piedade's dream is of a larger rehabilitation centre with a bigger swimming pool and all the other modern equipment of proved value to polio victims.—China Mail Special.

New Colours For Marines



HAMMARSKJOLD CONFERS ON DRAFT AGREEMENT

Cairo, Apr. 30.

United Nations Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold conferred this morning with Egyptian Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr Mahmoud Fawzi before leaving this afternoon for Israel.

Well-informed sources said the meeting concerned Mr Hammarskjold's draft agreement for measures to relieve the Egyptian-Israeli border tensions. The sources said that during earlier discussions with Egyptian negotiators, Mr Hammarskjold took up the various measures proposed by each side to tighten border security.

River Question

They said Mr Hammarskjold and the Egyptians also discussed the attitude of the Arab countries as a whole towards safeguarding their common borders with Israel.

Among the points raised by the Egyptians, the sources said, was Syria's demand for guarantees that Israel would not divert the waters of the Jordan River unilaterally. The Egyptians were reported to have said Syria and Lebanon have adopted a common stand on the Jordan River question, and the Egyptians have supported them in negotiations with Mr Hammarskjold.

Safeguard Rights

Mr Hammarskjold's Press Attache said the Secretary-General will spend two days in Israel and then will fly to Rome either via Cairo or Beirut, depending on airline connections. He said Mr Hammarskjold will spend two days in Rome.

Dr Fawzi, commenting on Egypt's stand in the negotiations with Mr Hammarskjold said, "Egypt is co-operative and willing to maintain peace, but at the same time she is determined to safeguard all her rights."—United Press.

Progress On Indo-China

London, Apr. 30.
Authoritative sources reported "slow progress" today in the Anglo-Soviet negotiations on the Indo-China stalemate. Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko and Lord Reading, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, held another session today as representatives of the Geneva-Indo-China conference co-chairmen.

Their mission is to seek a means to get free elections going in both Communist North and pro-Western South Vietnam. No details of the negotiations were revealed, but informed sources said there had been progress in the three-week talks.—United Press.

SOEKARNO FOR U.S.

Washington, Apr. 30.
The White House announced today that President Soekarno of the Republic of Indonesia will arrive here on May 16. His official visit to the United States had been announced previously. President Eisenhower's plane, Columbine III, will be in Honolulu to fly the distinguished visitor from there to Washington. The Indonesian President will stay in Washington until May 19, and then will travel for two weeks in the United States.—France-Press.

Mail Notices

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USA, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Japan, Hawaii, U.S.A., C. & S. America, 4 p.m.
Korea, 4 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, 5 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 2
By Air
Thailand, Malaya, N. Borneo, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, 6 p.m.
Formosa, Okinawa, 10 a.m.
Philippines, 2 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.

Holland, Parrels only (direct), 2 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 3

By Air
Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, 10 a.m.
Thailand, Pakistan, Lebanon, Germany and Great Britain, 10 a.m.
Japan, 11 a.m.
India-China, France, 11 a.m.
Philippines, 2 p.m.
Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m.
USA, 6 p.m.
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
N. Borneo, 4 p.m.
Malaya, Ceylon, India, Aden, Middle East, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Formosa, 6 p.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
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FRIDAY, MAY 4

By Surface
Malaya, Ceylon, India, Aden, Middle East, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.
Saturday, May 5
By Surface
Formosa, 6 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
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Macao, 6 p.m.
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China, People's Republic, 6 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

New Colours were presented to Britain's Royal Marines last week by the Duke of Edinburgh. This was the first occasion that they have received new Colours since 1931. Picture left shows Rear Admiral Kolov, Commander of the Soviet Squadron which visited Portsmouth, looking on at the parade, pictured right is the Duke of Edinburgh, in full regalia of Captain General of the Royal Marines, leaving the parade ground after the ceremony.—Express Photo.

WOLF WHISTLING PARROT GETS JOB

East London, Apr. 30.
Because he was so "foul-mouthed", Wiggill the parrot was fired from the musical show "Hit the Deck" to be staged in the East London City Hall.

His successor, who was chosen at a parrot "parade", is named Woodie. The new parrot startled the cast at a rehearsal by letting out a long piercing wolf-whistle when a number of dancing girls in shorts started performing.—China Mail Special.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



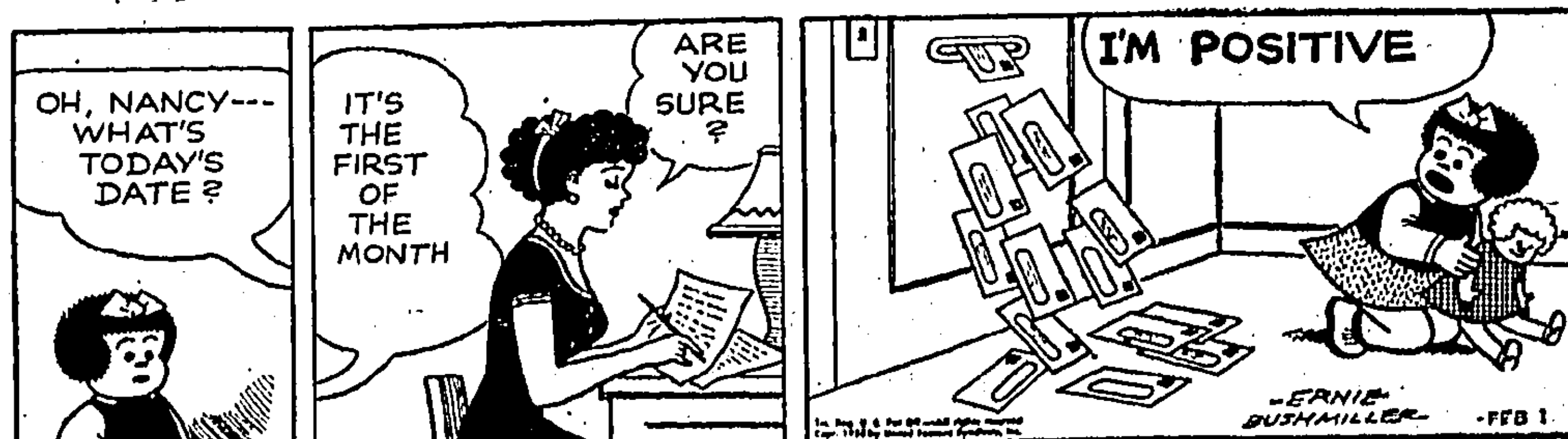
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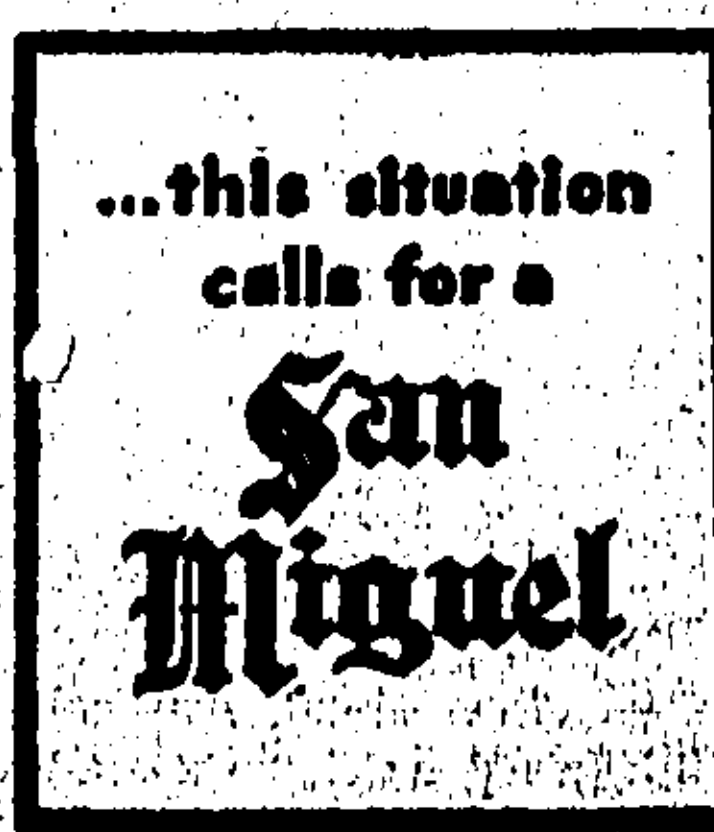
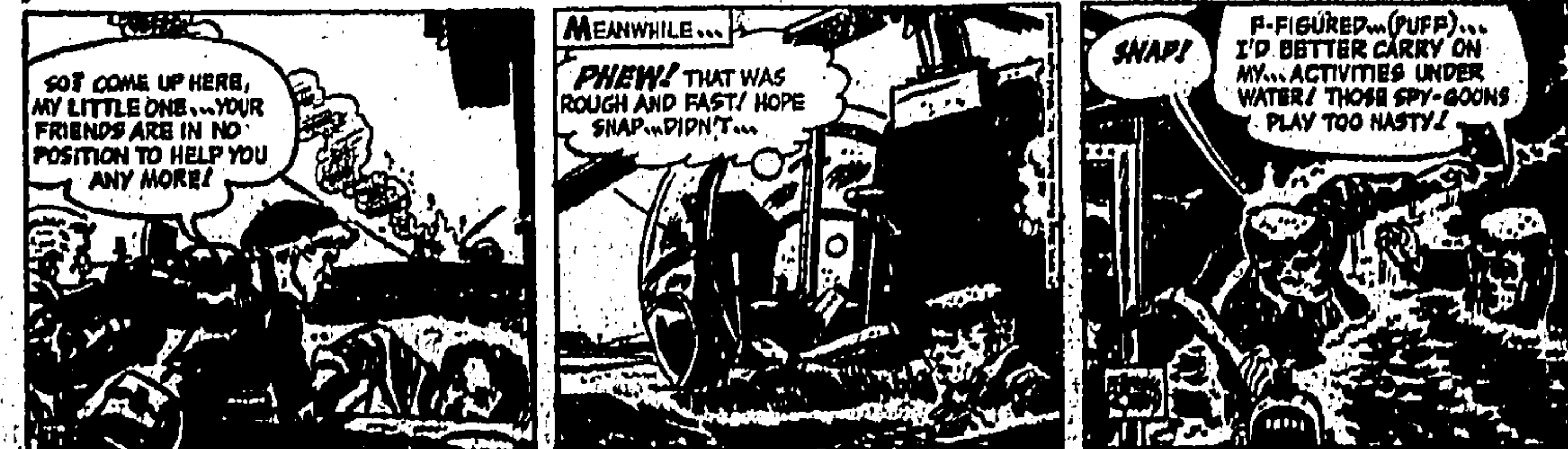
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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

MAJOR SETBACK FOR BRITAIN'S CHANCELLOR

Engineering Union's Demands Could Wreck Economy

From Ronald Boxall

London, Apr. 30.

Mr Macmillan's efforts to defeat inflation have suffered a major setback with the decision by the National Committee of the Amalgamated Engineering Union to seek a "substantial" wage increase—of about one pound a week for its three million members.

The seriousness of this must be considered against a background of what has been happening in Britain over the past few years. According to the "popular version" of the Government's White Paper, on the Economic Implications of Full Employment which was published less than a month ago, the present inflation has been caused because incomes have been rising faster than production.

"Between us," it said, "we present 30 per cent more goods and services (between 1940 and 1955) and took 90 per cent more money for producing them. That is the big reason why prices have reached a figure about half as high again as nine years ago."

Further Rise

Unfortunately there is no sign of this inflationary process expending itself. Industrial production in the first three months of this year has remained more or less static at about only one per cent higher than it was in the first quarter of 1955.

In the same quarter, however, wage rates rose by 4½ per cent—the largest rise in any three months since 1947—because 8½ million workers received pay increases amounting to nearly £200 million a year. And this included a wage increase well in excess of the average for the three million engineering workers who are now to claim a further "substantial" rise.

This addition to the national wage bill in the first quarter of the year brought the total rise in wage rates for the year to the end of March 1956 to eight per cent. Over the same period wages rose six per cent.

These are the hard facts of inflation. And the engineering workers' claim which is expected to serve as a pattern for other industries justifies doubts that the usefulness of appeals to "self-restraint" when dealing with inflation that is in full swing. Naturally the Government cannot order the people not to ask for more money. In the words of its recent statement on full employment, it can only ask those concerned to keep the needs of the country as a whole in mind and to remember the experience of 1946-55 when prices were driven up by about 50 per cent mainly because incomes rose faster than output.

Other Demands

Those who pressed for a wage increase for the engineering workers—conveniently forgetting these words—if indeed they ever bothered to read them. But this was not the only demand they urged the union to adopt as official policy.

In addition to the wage increases the engineers (whether they like it or not) are now committed to ask for a 44-hour week instead of a 44-hour working week and a third week's holiday with pay. If these demands were met in full they would cost the industry an extra £300 million a year—most of which would presumably be recouped by raising prices of British engineering products.

These demands bear witness to complete lack of understanding by certain trade union elements of the country's economic needs. Their "couldn't care less" attitude is strangely at variance with their own real interests—which is in the maintenance of full employment.

The popular version of the White Paper referred to above sought—unsuccessfully it now seems—to make this clear. In large red type it said: "If prices go on rising and the value of money goes on falling it leads to social unfairness and all kinds of economic difficulties. Savings are discouraged. Some people get left behind in the race to keep incomes in step with prices; and it is not the least deserving who get left behind. Most important of all, just now, unless prices of competing countries are rising as fast (and they are not) we are likely to lose export markets. If we do not sell enough exports we shall not be able to pay for our economic machine going. Our hopes of a rising standard of living will grow less bright. Full employment itself will be threatened."

Weakness Reflected

Had it wished the Government could have extended this argument still further. For Britain is the leader of the sterling area and the custodian of a currency in which about one-third of the world's trade is conducted. Any weakness in her economic position is immediately reflected in the value of the pound. So the situation described above could easily lead to another devaluation—and that would put paid to Britain's claim to economic greatness. These arguments may seem unduly harsh. After all this claim is only for another pound a week would "ruin British economic life". By itself of course it would not. But the point is that it has been going on for years, and of which the engineering union's

claim is simply the latest move, could conceivably have that dire result.

But this takes no account of the other weapons the Government has arrayed against inflation, notably the credit squeeze and the exceptionally large budget.

Irresponsible

The disinflationary effect of these two measures will be progressively felt as the year unfolds. By the autumn when the wage claims now being discussed by the trade unions are fully presented, employers may be in no position to meet them.

So it may be that after all the irresponsible element that has captured control of some of them—must learn their lesson the hard way. Appeals to commonsense have failed to influence workers in at least one of the nation's key industries. But one will blame the Government for having tried—London Express Service.

Singapore Stock Market

Singapore, May 1.
Brokers today quoted the following stock prices:
Batu Lintang Rubber Co. 11.57
British Borneo Petroleum Syndicate 40.00
Ord. 27.04
Fraser & Neave Ltd. Ord. 11.03
Fraser & Neave Ltd. cum. 11.03
Hendong Tin Ltd. 10.70
Kempas Ltd. 11.75
Kuala Lumpur Rubber Co. Ltd. 11.75
Malayan Breweries Ltd. 11.75
Penang Tin Ltd. 11.75
Raffles Hotel 11.75
Singapore Cold Storage 11.75
South British Insurance Co. Ltd. 11.75
Straits Trading Co. 11.75
United Engineers Ltd. 11.75
Wansee Bros. 11.75
China Mail Special.

NEW YORK OIL AND SEED

New York, Apr. 30.
Prices of cottonseed oil futures closed today in cents per lb. as follows:
May 18.00
July 18.15-14
September 18.30
October 18.45
December 18.60
January 18.75
March 18.90
May 19.05
Soybeans oil was quoted at 16½ cents per lb. while coconut oil was offered at 12½ cents per lb. West Coast. Copra was quoted at \$105 a short ton, c.i.f. Pacific Coast.—United Press.

LONDON METAL PRICES

London, Apr. 30.
The tin market was steadier this afternoon. Prices of metal closed today in sterling per long ton as follows:
Tin spot 2,825
3-month 2,825
Copper spot 328½
3-month 328½
Lead 2nd half Apr. 112½
Zinc 2nd half Apr. 112½
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The Story Of NSW's Chaotic Transport Services

Sydney. Apr. 24.

Other figures show that the number of births for the year—

criticised more than once recently for the type of receptions he stages for anything connected with his Labour colleagues—but quite often without foundation.

Latest episode to get him into hot water is two receptions he held

RE-ASSIGNMENT OF MORTGAGE ORDER

The man was taken to hospital and detained.

EVIDENCE BY ACCUSED

When he said he knew nothing about the matter, Cho continued, Leung struck him repeatedly until he lost consciousness. When he eventually awoke, he found his clothes and hair soaked with water.

Cheated His Friend

From Our Files
100 Years
Ago

MR. Lemon three cases of munitions and employed Messrs Robt. Gower & Co., at Marseilles to see the same duly shipped in one of the P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamers. Messrs Robt. Gower & Co. are agents for the P. & O. Company at Marseilles, and knowing that the loss of any package has to be made good by their employers, have no reason for finding

value of the Shipment;—they would give him no damages; and in consequence, he loses, not only all he might have made, but an actual sum of \$443 paid out of pocket. This sum, and all that can still be made by a sale of the goods, goes into the strong chest of the P. & C. Company. After this decision, the

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